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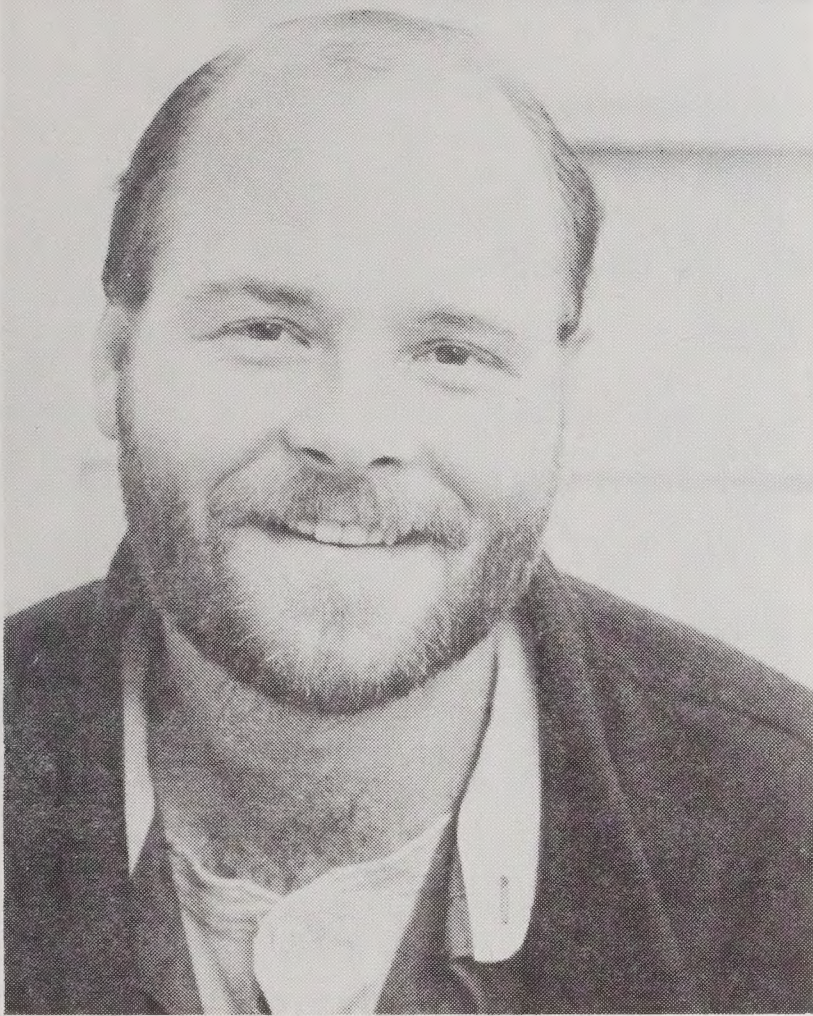
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GREETINGS

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Welcome Alice friends and family to our 11th Annual Awards Dinner. Tonight we honor sixteen women who have served our community well, have given us a special sense of pride, and provide

living role models to which we can all measure ourselves.

We honor sixteen women who are always there, with us and for us.

One of the myths that I first confronted, as a newly liberated gay man, was that lesbians and gay men live separate lives void of contact with one another. Women have always played prominent roles in my

life and I am defined by them. I could not give up contact with my sisters.

I soon discovered one of the joys of being gay. Our family life experience is defined by us. There are no rules and few role models to shape the way that we live. Government laws do not dictate the scope of our relationships. We choose. There is a special joy in knowing that the women we honor tonight have chosen to be there, with us and for us, and that we all have chosen to serve one another.

Men-loving-men and women-loving-women join together to create and support gay and lesbian families. It is the freedom of choice that makes us a family and a community. Please join Alice in honoring some of the special women in our family. By doing so, you honor us all.

Enjoy.

—Ron Braithwaite
President

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for years of progressive achievement
and tonight's heroines
for continuing the fight for civil liberty.*

We are with you!

Supervisor Richard Hongisto & Elizabeth Hongisto



U.S. Senator Alan Cranston

U.S. Senator Alan Cranston is a major powerhouse on the national political scene and, fortunately for us, one of the most dedicated gay rights advocates in the U.S. Congress.

As assistant majority leader, Senator Cranston is the number two Democrat in the U.S. Senate. He is a member of the powerful Democratic Policy Committee. He also holds membership on the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; Foreign Relations Committee; and the Select Committee on Intelligence. The Senator is the chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

testing and patient care. He is pushing hard for a new FDA system to expedite the review and release of experimental drugs for people with AIDS/ARC or who test HIV positive. He played a crucial role in changing the Reagan-Bush Administration policy so people with AIDS are now automatically eligible for Social Security disability benefits. The Senator is presently working to extend benefits to people disabled by ARC.

He is a vocal opponent of Proposition 102, and was out front against LaRouche's Propositions 64 and 69.

Standing Up to the Radical Right

There is perhaps only one blemish of note in a generally perfect record. It came when Senator Cranston joined a nearly-unanimous Senate to pass a Helm's amendment to restrict AIDS funding. Helm's

Gay Rights Advocate

Alan Cranston has been on the front lines of the fight for lesbian, gay and bisexual rights. He is the chief sponsor of the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Act (S2460), and a key backer of the Federal Hate Crimes legislation.

Senator Cranston is actively working to repeal anti-gay immigration barriers. This is an issue he understands well. His first job when he arrived in Washington in 1939 was Capitol Hill representative for the Common Council for American Unity. The group fought discriminatory immigration and naturalization practices.

Blocked Homophobic Judicial Appointments

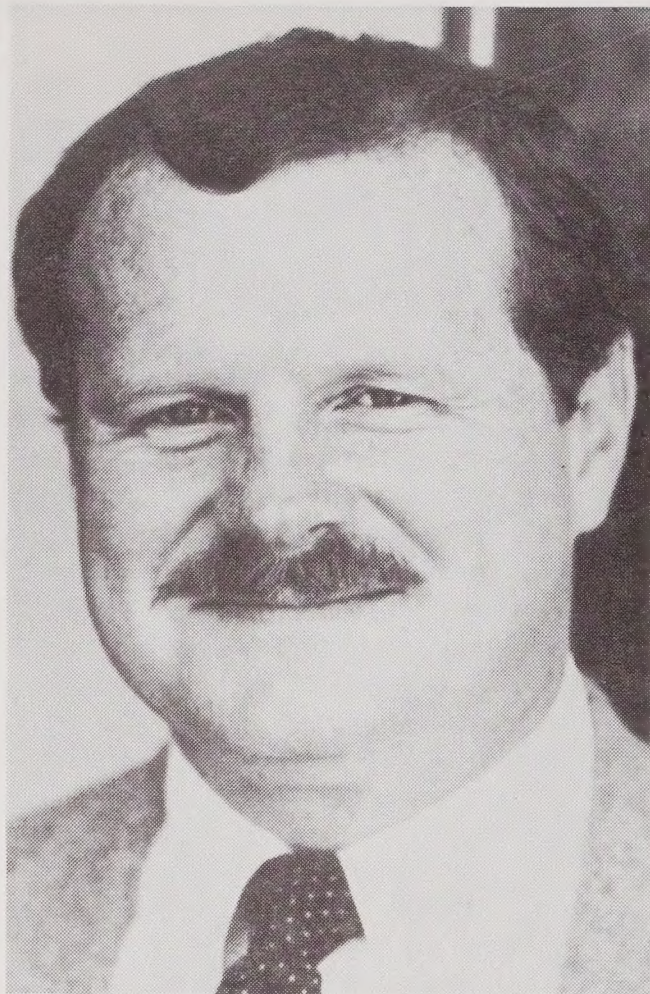
Senator Cranston has repeatedly used his clout to protect the interests of lesbian, gay and bisexual people. He has done more than any other senator to block the appointment of homophobic judicial nominees. He has blue-slipped the nominations of Vaughn R. Walker and Bernard Siegan for posts on federal courts in California.

He was the principal architect of the successful effort to defeat anti-gay Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork. And Senator Cranston opposed gay-baiter John P. Vukasin for a seat on the Northern California District Court bench.

Leading the AIDS Fight

Senator Cranston has been a major player in formulating a progressive national AIDS policy. He has carried or advanced proposals to prohibit AIDS discrimination, and is widely credited with the massive boost in federal funds for AIDS research, education, treatment, experimental drug

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Sheriff Michael Hennessey

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Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy

Leo McCarthy's distinguished career represents two decades of public service in both state and local government. He was first elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1963. He went on to win a seat in the California Assembly, and later to become its Speaker. Leo McCarthy's speakership was noted for major legislative gains in nuclear plant safety, coastal protection, nursing home reform, and the repeal of sodomy laws. He implemented reforms opening up the legislative process to media and public scrutiny.

He was elected California's 43rd Lieutenant Governor in 1986. As the top Democrat in state government, Leo McCarthy actively worked for passage of AB 1, the Agnos gay rights amendment.

He testified and worked against regressive AIDS legislation by Senator John Doolittle, and publicly denounced all of Jesse Helm's anti-gay amendments. Leo McCarthy will make a powerful advocate for lesbian, gay and bisexual people in the U.S. Senate.

He has a long and impressive history of support for the lesbian and gay community. And the political differences between Leo McCarthy and his Republican opponent, Pete Wilson, cannot be more striking:

Wilson refuses to cosponsor the Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights Act; McCarthy is committed to signing it.

Wilson supported all of Jesse Helm's and Gordon Armstrong's anti-gay amendments; McCarthy is vociferously opposed to them.

Wilson was an active booster of Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork; McCarthy was Bork's leading California critic.

The list goes on and on.

Public opinion polls released last week show the U.S. Senate race to be in a dead heat. Pete Wilson's 21-point lead of only a month ago has now vanished. And with the strong and solid support of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community, we can elect Leo McCarthy—a Senator for us!

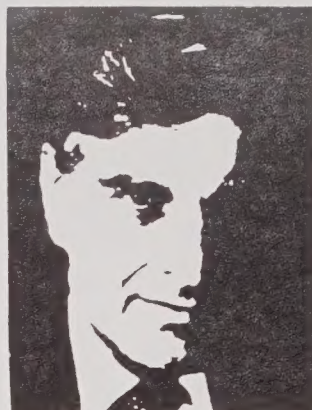
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PAT NORMAN

Pat Norman has been active in the struggle for civil rights and equal opportunity her entire life. As a child, she picketed alongside her mother for the rights of Black people. As a teenager in her hometown of Brooklyn, N.Y., she acted as membership chair of the N.A.A.C.P., and was active in church activities and civic activities.

Pat served in the U.S. Navy, put herself through college, and earned a degree while working full time and raising her four children as a single parent. Since the mid-60s, Pat has been active as a peace advocate and worker for the rights of women and continues to fight for the end to racial strife and discrimination against lesbians, gay and bisexual people.

And Pat's community leadership and professional work

have brought a string of awards. She received commendations for exceptional service from the San Francisco Department of Public Health in 1983 and again in 1986. She was a recipient of the Cable Car Award's Harvey Milk Community Service Award.

The National Organization for Women supports her continued commitment for social change; Lyon Martin Clinic recognized her outstanding work for women's health issues; Bay Area Women's Leadership Award lauded her untiring efforts for the goals of women's rights; and the Judiciary Project cheered Pat for her "commitment to a fair and independent judiciary." The Project noted that Pat was an early national organizer against the nomination of Robert Bork for the Supreme Court.

For 18 years, Pat Norman has championed the fight for social justice on all fronts. She has been a powerful advocate for our community, and has led us by the hundreds of thousands through our nation's capitol as co-chair of

the National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights.

When the interest of the powerful collide with the needs of the powerless, there won't be any cause to wonder where Pat Norman will stand. She will be where she always is with us, and for us. And the good news is that Pat Norman is within striking distance of winning a spot on the Board of Supervisors.

She is considered by top political analysts as being a major contender for the open Board seat. We aren't surprised by her voter appeal. Pat Norman is a gutsy, straightforward, impressive, and articulate advocate for her constituencies.

It is Pat's dependability on the issues, and her commitment to lead the fights that must be fought, that give her such a solid base of voter support.

Our time has come. This November, let's shake off any lingering acceptance of plantation politics and give our community a second strong voice in City Hall.

Pat Norman is happening!

To volunteer or contribute to Pat Norman's Victory Campaign call or visit her headquarters at 2215 Market Street (at Sanchez) 415/626-2290.



MAUREEN C. MASON

MARY C. DUNLAP, EXTRAORDINAIRE

Mary Dunlap is the perfect choice to host this year's dinner. She knows a lot about awards and honors. She was the 1983 Alice honoree. And Mary has received more community service awards from groups and institutions than most public officials could

dream to reap in a lifetime.

Mary is a dynamic civil rights lawyer who has earned her national reputation as a powerful advocate for the rights of women, gays, ethnic minorities, people with AIDS, and the economically-disadvantaged. Some people

say they will take their case right to the Supreme Court. Mary Dunlap has done it. As the lawyer for the Gay Olympics, she made lesbian and gay America proud with her brilliant advocacy before the Supreme Court justices.

And Mary has gone toe to toe with the likes of Phyllis Schlafy, William Dannemeyer and Strom Thurmond. She stood up when few in her profession would and led opposition to the federal court nomination of Vaughn Walker. She put herself and her career on the line in order to keep one more homophobe off the bench. And the same was true for the Bork Supreme Court nomination.

Someone once wrote, "Mary Dunlap's love of justice extends to all."

Mary Dunlap, Extraordinaire.

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THE EVENING PROGRAM

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Welcome

Ron Braithwaite, President of Alice

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Mary Dunlap, Extraordinaire

Introductions

Pat Norman and Robert Barnes

Presentation of Awards

Keynote Speaker

Honorable Alan Cranston, United States Senator

Introductions

Honorable Harry Britt and Honorable Jackie Speier

Presentation of Awards

Honored Speaker

Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy

Introductions

Tim Wolfred and Roberta Achtenberg

Presentation of Awards

Honored Speaker

Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Member of Congress

Closing

Barbara Cameron, Vice President of Alice

WITH US THEN

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Lenore Chinn, leader, Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club; founder of its Women's Blood Drive. Elected member, State Democratic Committee.

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Catherine Dodd, R.N. Health administrator. Assistant to Rep. Nancy Pelosi. Two-term president, San Francisco NOW. Leader, 3rd-term Democratic County Central Committee.

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Roma Guy, founding member, Women's Building. Co-Chair, Lesbian Agenda for Action (1987). Co-Director, Women's Foundation. Peace/anti-racist activist.

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Paula Lichtenberg, leader, San Francisco NOW. Co-Chair, Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Historical Society. Monitors police misconduct. Writer.

DALE BARON



Cary Norsworthy, founding director, San Francisco AIDS Foundation Food Bank. Founder, Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for people with AIDS.

SHIRLEY NAKAO



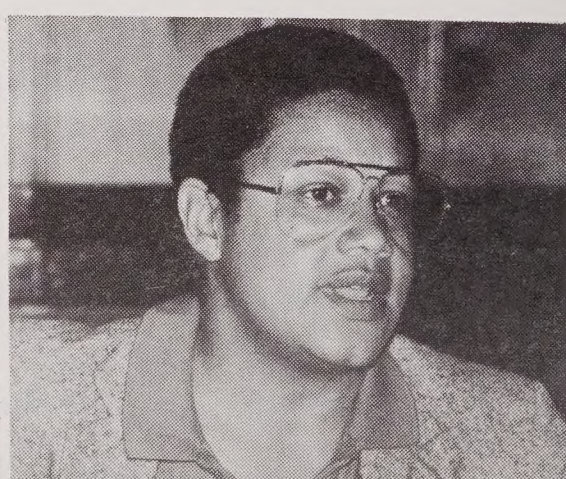
Eva Jefferson Paterson, co-chair, Coalition for Civil Rights. Asst. director, Lawyer's Committee on Urban Affairs. Chair, Equal Rights Advocates. ACLU member.

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Eileen Gillis, former staff member, Lesbian/Gay Unit-Human Rights Commission. Active feminist and longtime advocate for lesbian/gay rights. Law student.

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Ruth Hughes, Coordinator, Sexual Minority & High Risk Youth Program, Center for Special Problems. Poet, social justice activist.

....AND WITH US NOW

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Donna Hitchens, founder and former directing attorney, Lesbian Rights Project. National authority on lesbian-gay parent issues. BALIF founder. Mother of two.



Jackie Winnow, Coordinator, Lesbian/Gay and AIDS Unit-San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Founder, Women's Cancer Resource Center.

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Penni Kimmel, founder, Arm in Arm Blood Drive. Health care concerns that began as a Care worker in India. Nursing student and hospital volunteer.

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Carmen Vazquez, a Women's Building founder. Advocate for lesbians/gays of color. Coordinator, Lesbian/Gay Unit-San Francisco Health Department.

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THE ROBERTO ESTEVEZ AWARD

Connie O'Connor is a former Alice president. She is a member of the City Parks & Recreation Commission. She was an elected member of the County Democratic Central Committee. She is currently a Deputy sheriff. Connie is the first recipient of the Roberto Estevez Award.

Marcia Gallo, card carrying ACLU member. Organizer, ACLU Gay Rights Chapter and Reproductive Rights Task Force.

Elsa Strait, Alice founding member. Former president, Democratic Women's Forum; the Women's City Club. Retired at age 89. Currently "raising hell" in Washington State.

THE GROUP AWARD

Bay Area Lesbians of Color

BALOC was founded 1986 to serve and advocate for lesbians of color. BALOC works to empower lesbians of color, and to develop contacts and networking in this community. The group has sponsored three highly successful *Lesbians of Color Conferences*. BALOC is a unique organization in the national community of women.



Abby Ginzburg, president, Bay Area Chapter-National Lawyers' Guild. Witness against Vaughn Walker before U.S. Senate Judiciary. Law professor.



*I've been proud to work
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Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver



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Bruce Lilienthal



BI-FOCUS

By Lani Kaahumanu

Why does the attitude exist that there is no bisexual community, and why is it used against us so effectively? Why do we accept invisibility, and why haven't we projected a more visible presence, creating a prominent community that even the most virulent bi-phobes would have to recognize?

The answer, of course, is that is the way oppression operates, in this case, bisexual oppression.

On some level bisexual people believe the lie that what is shared isn't community, isn't a commitment of any significance, isn't comparable to those communities we are in (lesbian, gay, heterosexual, etc.). The fear is that if we come out, we will "lose" those communities. We will be isolated; targeted for attack. Simply put—we fear rejection.

Anyone who has ever been closeted can relate to the fear of exposure and alienation. We live in a society that is based and thrives on dichotomous; either/or assumptions. The decision to come out as a bisexual makes the issues surrounding personal behavior and labels confusing. Eight years ago, when I was a lesbian and coming out as a bisexual, I understood that I would be seen as a traitor, weakening lesbian pride and unity. The self doubt and isolation I felt were very real. It wasn't easy being the center of gossip and trashing. It was a difficult time, but I understand how bisexuality appears to give credence to the homophobic/heterosexist belief that there really is no such thing as a homosexual. But I also knew it was true that if I kept myself quiet for another's sense of pride and liberation, it was at the cost of my own. Not coming out as a bisexual undercuts not only the personal liberation of bisexual people, but all people. It also perpetuates the equally dangerous belief that there is no such thing as a bisexual orientation.

In some ways, bisexual oppression is very similar to lesbian/gay oppression, in that bisexuals are hit with the same prejudices in heterosexual society. Homophobia doesn't play favorites and "heterosexual privilege" doesn't protect us from queer-bashing, losing our jobs or having our children taken away from us when we come out.

As bisexuals, we experience pressure from both sides to make up our minds, to make a final choice. If we don't, we incur a collective contempt. Bisexuals deal with homophobia, biphobia and even heterophobia. The desire to identify with a community often forces bisexuals to repress one side of themselves. So just as in many cases, closeted, fearful and insecure gays (and perhaps bisexuals) are the worst fagbashers/baiters, closeted bisexuals can lead the most vicious or outrageously questionable attacks against bisexual recognition.

As more bisexuals refuse to be closeted and as we organize more visibly within the lesbian/gay community, we are challenging the stereotypes and proving that they, like all stereotypes, are fundamentally false. As we stand up and define ourselves and our contributions, we and the communities we belong to are seeing who and how many of us there are, thereby recognizing another community existing within the community which makes up the whole. Bisexuals, both in and out of the closet, have given time, energy and money, and have been putting our lives on the line for the basic right of sexual freedom of expression without regard for gender since the beginning of the gay rights movement.

intended to embarrass Democratic Senators with his measure, which would have denied funds to AIDS agencies that distribute explicit materials on homosexuality. But the bigness of Alan Cranston allowed him to see the injustice of that strategy, and he publicly repudiated the vote. He was ultimately instrumental in diluting the impact of the Helm's amendment. Senator Cranston not only voted against every subsequent gay-baiting proposal, he consistently led the fight in the Senate against the Radical Right.

The Democratic leader fought against Republican amendments to gut parts of the Washington, D.C. gay rights law (Armstrong), and to cutoff all funds to institutions--education, mental health, medical, scientific, legal--that distribute gay-positive materials (Humphrey). Alan Cranston was one of just two senators to oppose the Helm's amendment to deny anti-discrimination protection in housing to transsexuals and transvestites.

A Record to Measure By

Senator Cranston's record of activism on behalf of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community stands in stark contrast to California's other senator, Pete Wilson, who voted for every anti-gay proposal to come before him. History will show that when homophobia and AIDS hysteria were the political order of the day, Alan Cranston stood firmly with our community. Whether the issue was AIDS, civil rights, or the judiciary, Senator Cranston fought for us. Alan Cranston has set new standards by which to measure candidates for public service.

We are honored to welcome our friend, Alan Cranston.

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Even with the major shift in visibility, I wonder how many hidden "lesbian and gay" people there are who still secretly self-identify as bisexual. My experience as an out-bisexual has also been one of confessor. Public lesbian and gay people have confided in me that they choose not to come out because "it will ruin me" (careerwise or politically). Or "it will weaken the movement." But in reality, weakness comes in the betrayal of the self. It is the weak link in any liberation movement. It is a key element in the overall strength and wisdom of the lesbian/gay communities that it include and validate bisexual people, and the bisexual movement as an ally in fighting the common enemy, heterosexism. (The heterosexual assumption.)

It is clear that homophobia is at the root of biphobia. Bisexuals have no intention of undermining the gains made by lesbians and gay men in the struggle to be a free people. Coming out as a bisexual is not something that is done to acquire or flaunt heterosexual privilege. I am bisexual because I am drawn to particular people regardless of gender. It doesn't make me wishy-washy, confused, untrustworthy, or more sexually liberated. It makes my orientation bisexual.

There is no question that heterosexual privilege exists, and because bisexuals relate to the opposite sex, there is an inherent privilege in that scenario. But I am tired of the issue of heterosexual privilege being used to invalidate bisexual existence, and to minimize the considerable energy bisexuals have given and continue to give to the lesbian/gay community. It is as if bisexuals alone can do something to eradicate that privilege beyond being conscious of it and thoughtful not to abuse it. The issue is trust. The issue is building trust. The issue is the right of everyone of us to be able to love whom we choose. Each of us must work together to end sexual privilege of any kind.

We are in this together. Members of Alice understood this when they recently voted to include bisexuals in the club's by-laws. This recognition of bisexual people validates bisexual-activists like Maggie Rubenstein and Autumn Courtney, who have been long standing and hard-working members of Alice. And it encourages a sense of pride and visibility for bisexuals in lesbian/gay closets.

When we verify the connections, and the networks of our oppression, we build a unity that avoids the I-am-more-oppressed-than-you syndrome which does no one any good. Our strength as a community is in the diversity and truth of who we are.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Lani Kaahumanu, a San Francisco-based feminist writer, is currently co-editing a bisexual anthology. She is a founder of Bi-Pol, and the North American Bisexual Network. Lani was the Bay Area Fundraising Co-Chair for the National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights. She has two children.



U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi

U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi took office on June 9, 1987. Since then, she has been a leader in the national fight for a sound AIDS policy. She has placed AIDS at the very top of her legislative agenda, and has spent considerable personal time and staff resources in addressing this health emergency on all fronts.

Her job has not been an easy one. Representative Pelosi has had to buck and battle the Reagan Administration and radical Republicans every step of the way. But progress is being made. Working with the Democratic lead-

ership, Representative Pelosi was a key player in bringing about a massive boost in federal funds for AIDS programs. In fact, as a first-term legislator, her unprecedented success in passing two AIDS/ARC Health Care Financing amendments brought much praise from health care activists.

She has been out front in the fight against Proposition 102 and its predecessors, LaRouche Propositions 69 and 64.

Representative Pelosi is a cosponsor of the National Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Act, the Federal Hates Crime legislation, and is the author of important AIDS legislation.

She has consistently opposed the New Right and its gay-bashing amendments on the floor of Congress and in committee.

Representative Pelosi also successfully ran interference

with federal bureaucrats to smooth the way for the 1987 National March on Washington, as well as this year's revisit to the capital city by the Names Project Quilt.

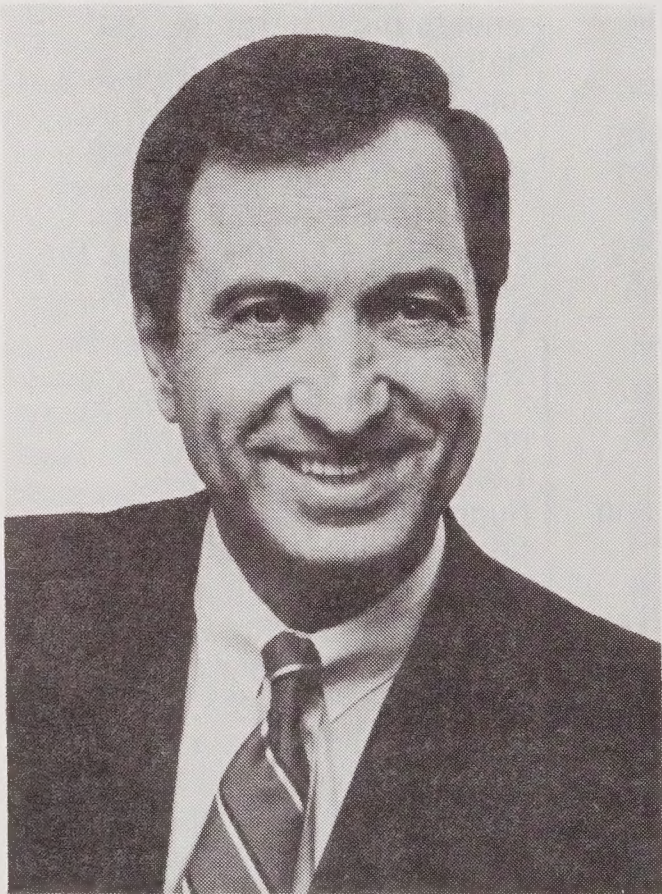
She actively opposed the nominations of Robert Bork for Supreme Court Justice, and Vaughn R. Walker for federal district court judge.

Representative Pelosi is a member of the Leadership Task Force on AIDS, the Human Rights Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Arms Control Caucus, the Executive Committee of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, and the Arts Caucus. Representative Pelosi is also a member of the standing House Committee on Banking Finance and Urban Affairs, and Committee on Government Operations.

We are honored to welcome our friend, Nancy Pelosi.

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Mayor Art Agnos

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Leo McCarthy

- **Opposes Proposition 102**

Co-author of ballot arguments *against Proposition 102*, the Dannemeyer Initiative.

- **Opposed Helms Amendments**

Publicly denounced Jesse Helms' Senate amendment cutting federal funds for gay-targeted AIDS prevention material.

- **Opposes Regressive AIDS Legislation**

Only statewide officeholder to testify in committee hearings against regressive AIDS legislation by Senator John Doolittle during the 1987-88 Legislative session.

- **Champion of Lesbian & Gay Rights**

Co-authored Agnos lesbian/gay employment rights bill. Has already announced intention to co-sponsor the federal lesbian/gay civil rights bill (S-464 Cranston) upon election to the U.S. Senate.

- **Opposes Judicial & Legislative Homophobia**

Favors the repeal of federal laws allowing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in military service, immigration, and in the granting of government security clearances. Also favors full and equal recognition of the relationships of same-sex couples, and equal parenting rights for lesbian and gay mothers and fathers, *including adoptive and foster parents*.

- **Opposed Bork Nomination to Supreme Court**

Actively fought the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.

Pete Wilson

- **Refused to sign ballot statement**

against 102, refused to call on state Republican Party (his party) to reverse its endorsement of 102.

- **Voted for the Helms amendments**

—all three times!

- **Supports AIDS Discrimination**

Voted to allow insurance companies to discriminate on the basis of AIDS in the District of Columbia—*two times!*

- **Champion of the Religious Right**

Voted to repeal protection from discrimination for lesbians and gay men from the District of Columbia civil rights ordinance in July, 1988. Refuses to co-sponsor or support S-464.

- **Selects Homophobic Judges**

As the sole Republican representing California in the U.S. Senate for the past six years, Wilson has selected the President's nominees for the state's federal court appointments. Wilson nominated John P. Vukasin and Vaughn Walker for federal judgeships. (*Vukasin: "...homosexuals are perverts and homosexuality is perversion."* Walker, attorney for the U.S. Olympic Committee in its suit against the Gay Athletic Games Committee, filed a lien against the home of Dr. Tom Waddell and refused to remove it—despite a court ruling—until Waddell had died of AIDS a year later.)

- **Supported Bork**

Lobbied for Bork, voted for his nomination to the Supreme Court. (*Bork: "...gays have no rights to sexual privacy even in their own homes; gays have no right to serve in the military or government."*)

...Leo McCarthy, A Senator For Us!



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Democratic Candidate for State Treasurer

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT RON BRAITHWAITE

"If you are not personally free to be yourself in that most important of all human activities - the expression of love - then life itself loses its meaning"
Harvey Milk

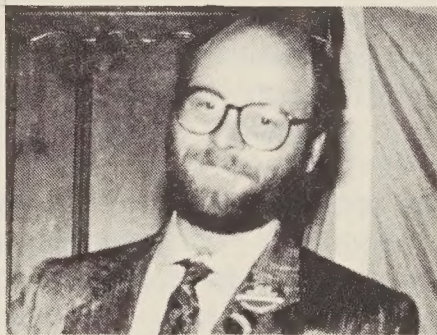


photo Barbara Maggiani

Welcome ALICE members and friends
to our 12th Annual Awards Dinner.

As we planned our dinner this year, we had expected to be able to celebrate one of the most historic moments in the Lesbian/Gay human rights movement, the passage of San Francisco's Domestic Partners Ordinance. ALICE has long been identified with the struggle for Domestic Partner's legislation as ALICE was its political birthplace. ALICE's leadership on Domestic partnership issues was a primary reason that I chose to join ALICE and work within this Democratic club.

Unfortunately, there are right wing, fundamentalist extremists who have chosen to challenge San Francisco's right to recognize Domestic Partnerships and have forced the City to hold a referendum on the issue. As such, we have chosen the theme for this year's dinner to be "In Defense of Justice" which represents our current struggle for the passage of Proposition S.

Our struggle for the passage of Proposition S is as much about equality and coalitions as it is about love and family. Congressman Ron Dellums has said that today in America, there are many "niggers" - that this untouchable group includes not only black men and women, but all people of color, the poor, the disabled, the elderly, Lesbians and Gay men, and to some extent organized labor. He argues that all of these groups are disenfranchised and are commonly compelled to confront bigotry, stop discrimination, and fight "in defense of justice" for our collective good.

Tonight we honor not only those who have fought ardently for the passage of Domestic Partnership legislation, we honor the diversity of our community, the breadth of our collective human rights struggle, and courage of those who have confronted society's irrational fears and have argued that common medical sense prevail.

To paraphrase the wisdom of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, the true curse of discrimination is not what it does to its victims but what it does to its perpetrators.

In honoring Harry Britt, ALICE honors a contemporary and future legend. To be an openly Gay man or Lesbian in our society, one is constantly aware of having a stigma. To be a Gay or Lesbian leader in our society, one is constantly aware of becoming a target.

ALICE honors Harry Britt for his courage, leadership, and community service. Harry's appointment to San Francisco's Board of Supervisors challenged him to fulfill some gigantic expectations. Harry's tenure began in crisis, requiring him to lead a community beyond the anger and grieving it suffered as a result of the assassination of its first elected leader, and has taken him to the Presidency of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors. Harry has fought hard for every victory and suffered more than a few defeats. Over the years, Lesbians and Gay men around the world have come to feel a strong sense of pride in having Harry Britt as a community leader, representative and compassionate voice of common sense.

Harry's work is a long list of historic firsts for Lesbians and Gay men. Harry's leadership has enabled Lesbians and Gay men in San Francisco to build a strong, vital, powerful community that has endured violence, the devastation of AIDS, and the constant attacks of bigotry. Harry's most recent success, the passage of San Francisco's Domestic Partnership Ordinance, is one of the proudest achievements of the Lesbian/Gay community. Lesbians and Gay men are defined by their love, and the legal recognition of this love is central to the Lesbian/Gay human rights movement.

ALICE honors Harry Britt to thank him for making it easier to exist in a hostile world.



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Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi had a difficult debut into the mainstream of the Lesbian/Gay community. Her election to Congress came after a spirited campaign by a strongly supported Lesbian/Gay candidate. The fact that in just two years Nancy has been able to build a strong base of support in the Lesbian/Gay community and is being honored by ALICE is a tribute to her personal determination and commitment to Lesbian/Gay human rights and her compassion and leadership in battling AIDS.

ALICE honors Nancy Pelosi for her intervention into the imprisonment and attempted deportation of Hans Paul Verhoff, a person with AIDS, who was traveling to San Francisco so that he could attend an international conference on Lesbian/Gay health issues. Nancy challenged a blatantly discriminatory immigration law that prohibited people who tested positive to HIV from entering the United States. Of particular concern to Lesbian/Gay people and medical professionals was the impact of such a law on the 1990 International Conference on AIDS to be held in San Francisco. Without the participation of people with AIDS and people with HIV, the conference could not be successful.

Nancy Pelosi understood the impact of this law on the rights of Lesbians and Gay men, of people with AIDS and HIV, and of the international medical community struggling to combat AIDS. Nancy and her staff made the plight of Hans Paul Verhoff their top priority and successfully weakened the law prohibiting his visit to the U.S.

ALICE honors Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi for her hard work and success in freeing Hans Paul Verhoff and demonstrating the fundamental insanity in unwarranted attempts to restrict the free travel of people with AIDS and HIV. ALICE has confidence that Nancy Pelosi will continue to battle discrimination and provide the leadership necessary to overcome bigotry and build a nation that wholly accepts itself.



ALICE honors the Black and White Men Together (BWMT) National AIDS Task Force for their work in developing a national AIDS prevention program; this consists of surveying to measure attitudes, knowledge and behaviors of 800 BWMT members and additional 800 black gay men, developing and implementing safe sex workshops for all chapters of BWMT, developing principles of partnerships with other groups or agencies dealing with AIDS, training leaders from among the membership to work on community health projects, and developing an overall prevention model for chapters to act as bases of support for their members to make changes in their own intimate activities.

The BWMT National AIDS Task Force was developed from the work of four local chapters: BWMT/SF, BWMT/LA, BWMT/MEPHIS, MACT/NY. **ALICE honors the BWMT National AIDS Task Force for educating and empowering their membership in the fight against AIDS especially when minority community health concerns are underfunded and overlooked.**

Born and raised in Paris, France, **Diane Jones** served in the Peace Corps before coming to San Francisco in 1976. **ALICE honors Diane for 13 years of tireless and continuous work on behalf of the Bay Area women's community, the lesbian/gay community and the progressive political movement; and on behalf of people with AIDS.** She helped found the Women's Building 10 years ago and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Board of Directors. She also has served as Co-Chair of the Alliance Against Women's Oppression. Diane is a Registered Nurse on staff at San Francisco General for seven years. There she was a founding staff member of Ward 5B/5A, the AIDS in-patient ward at General.

In the campaign against intervention in Central America, Diane has co-chaired the organization Somos Hermanas, and has led delegations to Nicaragua enabling women from many U.S. communities to express their solidarity with the women of Nicaragua.

As a pioneer among lesbian mothers, Diane had her family featured in the film "Choosing Children". **ALICE wishes to express gratitude to Diane on behalf of San Francisco's lesbian/gay community and on behalf of people whose vision extends beyond the borders that divide us.**

On November 11 - 12, 1989 an historic event will take place. The conference "Dynamics of Color: Building a Stronger Lesbian Community, Combatting Racism, Honoring Diversity" will be held in San Francisco at Mission High School. The purpose of the **Dynamics of Color Conference** is to deepen our community's common understanding of what racism is, acknowledging our cultural differences and how they are used to divide us.

Until institutionalized and personal racism are recognized as morally wrong in the lesbian/gay community, we will remain divided. **ALICE salutes the Conference Committee for their commitment to combatting racism, for providing a forum of education and dialogue on racism, and for promoting the leadership of lesbians of color.** ALICE is proud to honor and recognize the work of the Dynamics of Color Conference Committee.

A look through the latest issue of "Lavender Godzilla" will show that the activities of **Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA)** span the widest possible spectrum from cultural events, Cafe Godzilla and Mr. & Ms. GAPA, to the West Coast Unity Conference recently held, and perhaps most important the GAPA Community HIV Project which officially incorporated two months ago and participated in the National Conference on HIV infection and AIDS in Ethnic & Racial Minorities (Washington, D.C.). **ALICE honors GAPA for the enormous energy and courage displayed in providing an organizing base for the empowerment of Gay and Bisexual Asian-Pacific men, in the face of profound racism and homophobia in the United States.** With 140 members and growing, GAPA is a vital and refreshing voice in the lesbian/gay community of which ALICE is proud.

Founded in 1985 by former Jesuit seminarian turned activist Martin Delaney, **Project Inform has been at the forefront of strategies for speeding access to the latest treatments for AIDS and HIV disease.** Most recently, they have been at the center of the famous Compound Q study, which was designed to test the drug's safety and efficacy much more quickly than the FDA-approved trials. This has thrust Project Inform and its valuable work into the national spotlight and helped bring needed reform to a staggeringly bureaucratic system. As Executive Director Delaney has said: "This is our holocaust. We only have one chance to live through it with dignity and a clear conscience that we did all we could." **For defying the conventional wisdom and helping extend the lives and quality of life of thousands, ALICE honors Project Inform.**

KATHLEEN BROWN, Candidate for State Treasurer Is the Guest Speaker for our Annual Dinner. As Commissioner on the five member Board of Public Works, Los Angeles, Brown manages over 5,000 employees and an annual budget of \$270 million, as well as reviewing billions of dollars of Public Works construction contracts.

Brown's accomplishments include:

- Establishing task forces to review bid/award process, accelerate progress payments and expand water use.
- Accelerating negotiations resulting in agreement with U.S. Navy to pay the City of Los Angeles \$12.3 million in overdue capital costs.
- Initiating an outreach program on recycling for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Last year Mayor Bradley appointed Brown to a Blue Ribbon Task Force to review City finances and capital needs for Los Angeles. Brown was a public finance attorney with O'Melveny & Myers, in Los Angeles and NYC from 1985 to 1987.

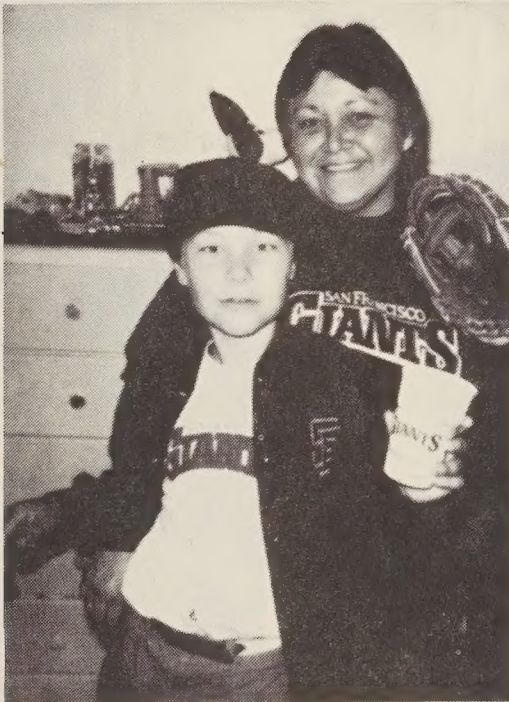
Born in San Francisco on September 25, 1945, educated at Stanford University and Fordham University School of Law, Brown has three children and is married to Van Gordon Sauter. Her father is Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, her brother Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr.

We welcome Kathleen Brown to the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club!



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ALICE Vice President Barbara Cameron and son Rhys, GIANTS Fans

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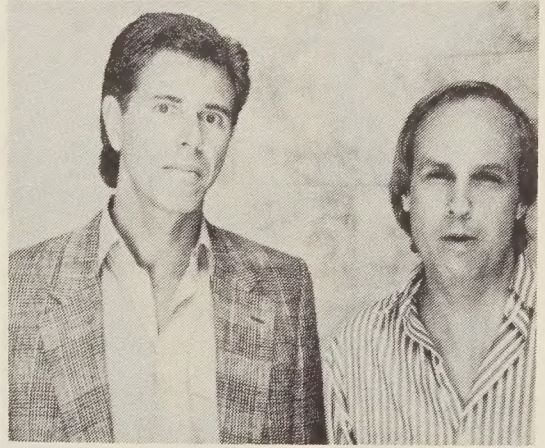
Diane Jones

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***Roberta
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Dynamics of Color Conference Logo



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from

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GAPA Member Donald Masuda and Chair Edward Lim Rink Foto

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Pat Underwood
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Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club

Official Recommendations for the November 7 Ballot

PROPOSITIONS

A - YES

B - YES FOR BETTER TRANSIT

C - YES

D - YES OUR SUPERVISORS DESERVE A RAISE

E, F, H, I, J - YES

K - YES OUR SHERIFF IS DOING A GREAT JOB!

L, M, N, O - YES

P - YES CHINA BASIN BALLPARK
IT'S A GREAT DEAL FOR OUR CITY!

Q, R - NO DON'T LET THE REALTORS FOOL YOU!

S - YES DOMESTIC PARTNERS

U - YES

V - NO

W - YES



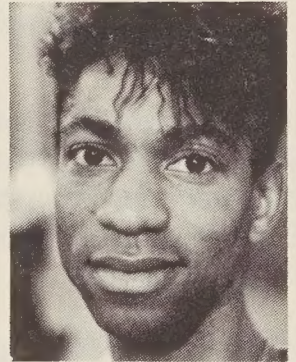
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ALICE leathers Folsom Street Fair



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Thank you to John Duane, Pat Jones and Cheryl Lazar

ALICE is the oldest lesbian and gay Democratic Club in the country. Originally called the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club, the club was founded by Jim Foster and other gay activists involved in George McGovern's campaign in 1972. The organization made a dual endorsement for president: McGovern and Shirley Chisholm.

Founders of ALICE were among the first openly gay people to speak at a Democratic Party National Convention. At the 1984 Convention in San Francisco ALICE had 22 members as delegates and alternates on the floor. The club produced and distributed 20,000 issues of ALICE Reports every day during the Convention.

In the years since the founding of ALICE, lesbians and gay men have become an important and visible force within San Francisco politics and within the Democratic Party, and ALICE has been a part of that movement.

The ALICE of today has a diverse membership and leadership. Lesbians and people of color are strongly represented on the Executive Committee, and the club is committed to a politics of inclusion and coalition-building. In this way ALICE carries on a seventeen year legacy of fighting for freedom and justice.

PROPOSITION S thanks ALICE and the dinner attendees for the donation tonight of \$5 from every ticket.

PROPOSITION S thanks ALICE for a superlative effort in forwarding the campaign to win Domestic Partners rights.

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MAY 20, 1990 AIDS MEMORIAL MARCH AND RALLY

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MOVING FORWARD AND LOOKING BACK . . . GAY LIBERATION IN THE 1990'S

by Ronald C. Braithwaite, Co-Chair

In the days after the defeat of Proposition S - the Domestic Partners Initiative - many Lesbian/Gay leaders were asked "what happened?" While all of us tried to put a happy face on a loss that was somewhat unexpected, many leaders began to ask the question more seriously: What did happen? Why didn't the community mobilize as we had expected? What happened to our often-touted coalition building?

While the answers to these questions varied, common themes did emerge. One being that the cadre of activists in our community has become stretched thin by the diversity of issues and challenges confronting us in the aftermath of Ronald Reagan. While many in our community care about these issues, and support activist work in a number of ways, activists make involvement a top priority in their lives. We have become HIV/Healthcare activists, anti-violence activists, anti-racism activists, equal rights activists, judicial activists, electoral activists, international human rights activists, feminist activists, equal opportunity activists, family rights activists, immigration rights activists, spiritual activists, animal rights activists, anti-nuclear activists, and environmental activists.

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Another theme was that communication had broken down within the community. There were groups of "mainstream activists" and "street activists" that weren't communicating and coordinating their efforts. Our activists had become fragmented.

It became clear to many that the first step in building a stronger foundation for the 1990's is a renewed effort at consolidating the activists that emerged in the 1980's. Harry Britt, in his continuing role of leadership in our community, recognized the need for lesbian/gay activists to access the gains of our community during the 1980's, and build a process for moving our liberation movement forward in the 1990's. Harry's efforts have been extraordinary; his initiative has assisted us in building a stronger, more united grassroots movement in our community.

The process began simply enough. Harry called a meeting of the leadership of lesbian/gay identified grassroots, membership-based organizations to discuss "the lesbian/gay agenda of the 1990's". The topic had crossed more than a few minds and most community activists had some ideas about what a "lesbian/gay agenda" should include. I must admit that I was more than a little skeptical about the outcome of a broad community meeting that appeared to have

little focus and much diversity. I remember a high level of tension in the meeting. Many leaders did not know each other very well, or only knew what had appeared in the media.

The strategy was to have none. Many groups were skeptical to begin with, and for some leaders to come in with a set agenda would perpetuate divisions that Harry was trying to overcome. Harry's vision was clear: Through broader communication we could create a greater sense of trust and build a common understanding, as we are more the same than we are different.

We decided to organize a "strategy session" - a one day meeting in which many lesbian/gay identified groups could offer their insights into the "state of the community" and identify some of their top priorities. This "strategy session" should lead to a larger community congress where we hammer out a broad agenda to which we can all be committed, so that we can begin working in concert toward achieving our common goals. If anything has become clearer, it is that we need the diversity and breadth of our community now more than ever. We must dig deeper into our resources to confront the bigotry we encounter every day of our lives.

The "strategy session" was held May 19 (Harvey Milk's Birthday) and attended by over 60 organizations and groups throughout

our community. Groups like Outcast, Asian Pacific Sisters, ALICE, ACT-UP, Lesbian/Gay Lutherans, CUAV, Operation Concern, Milk Club, Stonewall, LYRIC, etc. spoke to one another about their concerns, ideas, visions, and place in the community. What emerged was a consensus that among our first priorities we must address our own internal discriminations. Racism, sexism, classism, must be eliminated in our day to day contacts with each other. If we can't build coalitions with one another, we cannot expect to build any coalitions with those outside our community. Issues like Domestic Partners, Lesbian/Gay Youth Services, and greater HIV intervention were also cited as top priorities.

It is my hope that through these continuing exchanges between the leadership of grassroots organizations, we can bring about greater justice inside and outside of our community and that we can begin to focus on the future of our liberation movement. We need to assure ourselves that we have a firm foundation for a broad-based human rights movement. We also need to learn to cooperate more effectively and show each other more respect. Clearly no one group or organization can lead our community alone, we need each other.

for more, see page 4

ISSUES

RESULTS OF APRIL AND MAY GENERAL MEETINGS ENDORSEMENT VOTING: (#- title - position, % of votes cast; **bold** type indicates position differs from PAC recommendation, which is included for information purposes)

State Propositions:

- 107 - Housing/Homeless Bond Act
Yes, 81%
- 108 - Rail/Clean Air Bond Act
Yes, 96%
- 109 - Legislative Deadlines Act
No position, 64%
- 110 - Property Tax Exempt.-Disabled
Yes, 100%
- 111 - Traffic Congest. Relief-Gas Tax
Yes, 88%
- 112 - State Officials' Ethics - **No**
PAC recommended = no position
- 113 - Chiropractic Practice
Yes, 85%
- 114 - Murder of a Peace Officer
No, 93%
- 115 - Speedy Trial Initiative
No, 90%
- 116 - Rail Transportation
Yes, 100%
- 117 - Wildlife Protection
Yes, 96%
- 118 - Legislature: Reapportionment
No, 96%
- 119 - Reapportionment- Commission
No, 94%
- 120-New Prison Construction Bonds
No, 90%
- 121-Higher Education Bond Act
no position, 61%
- 122-Earthquake Safety & Public
Bldgs. Rehabilitation Bond Act
Yes, 100%
- 123-School Facilities - Yes, 91%

Local Propositions:

- A - Public Safety Improvement
YES, 97%
- B - Public School Special Tax
YES, 98%
- C - Equipment Leasing Finance
No Position, 60%
- D - Neighborhood Beautification
YES, 83%
- F - Minimum Firefighter Staffing
NO, 85%
- G - Former Supe's Health
Benefits, YES, 84%
- H - Fire Inspector & Engineer
Retirement Benefits, YES, 83%
- I - Retired Teacher Consulting
Contracts, YES, 86%
- J - Human Rights Commission
Size Decrease, NO, 72%
- K - Seven Member Commis-
sions, YES, 87%
- L - Commissioner Residency
Requirement, No Position
- M - Gender Composition of
Commissions, YES, 87%
- N - Two Term Limit Supervisors
NO, 77%
- O - Hypodermic Syringes: Eli-
minate Sanctions, **No Position**

Municipal Court Judge:

By a one-vote margin, Julie Tang acquired the endorsement of the Club during the May General Membership meeting.

Also, at the May General Membership Meeting, the following motions were passed:

To send a letter to Mayor Art Agnos asking him to stand behind his support for sending Office of Citizen Complaints recommenda-tions directly to the Police Commis-sion rather than through the Chief of Police.

To endorse a resolution by Libby Denebeim supporting a Project-10 type of proposal before the School Board.

To endorse the HIV/AIDS March on June 23rd.

To endorse the March for National Health Care on September 2nd.

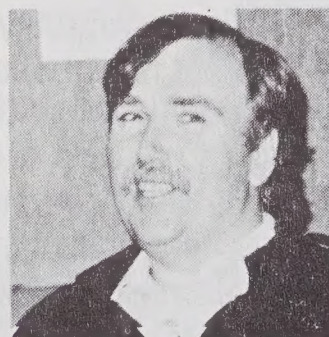
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MORE ON MAY 19TH:

The following is the text of ALICE's address to the "strategy session" delivered by Pam David and Ron Braithwaite:

"ALICE recognizes the importance of building a progressive movement in the country. Part of that, as demonstrated by Jesse Jackson's candidacies in '84 and '88, is building the progressive wing of the Democratic Party.

For better or worse the Democratic Party is still the political point of reference for millions of people in this country. We can't ignore that fact or bypass it. It would be great to have an independent party representing more working class and anti-racist politics, but we simply can't proclaim a party. Any new electoral party is likely to come out of the increasing tensions within the Democratic Party itself.

ALICE is committed to building this progressive wing, but we can't do it alone. As Jackson pointed out after the '88 Democratic National Convention, to effect change inside the Party, we need "street heat" outside the Party as well.

We, as a community, need to figure out how those of us who mostly work inside the electoral arena, and those of us who work outside, can maximize our efforts. Inside work and outside work are not necessarily

contradictions, as some would have them. We need each other, we are all parts of a whole strategy. Our success won't come from just one or the other, but rather a combination of pressures from all sides.

Militancy of our movement is key, but we also need to recognize that militancy comes in many forms, on the streets and in the voters booth. There is clearly an urgent need for both.

A priority for the Lesbian/Gay movement is to stop fighting each other and focus on fighting our real enemies. We need to learn to take up our political disagreements over both tactics and long range strategy in principled ways; we need to talk about politics, work out our differences, move forward together. It is simply too easy for us to dish or trash each other. We are all angry and frustrated, for a lot of good reasons, it is too easy to get into pissing matches and lose sight of what is best for our community and movement.

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Now that the issue of "outing" has been discussed at length in the press, I have finally formed my opinion about the issue. I had a "gut feeling" that it was wrong, but it took some others' arguments to help me frame my own: I am opposed to it. I think the concept is an oxymoron: Coming out means proudly asserting one's own self. But the most important reason I am opposed to it is the very reason many use for doing it: Role models. I agree that lesbian and gay youth need positive role models. What kind of role model is the person who, no matter how successful in the outside world, is so weak in ego and so self-loathing that life in the closet is preferable to the free expression of the loving self? Furthermore, what kind of role model does the lesbian or gay "leader" present when reaching into the private area of another's heart, and pulling it out with such self-righteous glee to show to those who are homophobic? Let every lesbian and gay man who is concerned about positive role models for lesbian and gay youth be one.



Japanese-style kara-oke singing with Donna Hitchesn, Mary Morgan and Julie Tang singing "Peggy Sue" at "Lesbians & Gays for Julie Tang"

Photo by Rink

This issue was to carry a response by Jean Harris to the article by Pam David in the May issue. Unfortunately election-time busyness prevented Jean from completing it - so, hopefully we will be able to run it next issue.

As mentioned elsewhere, next issue will also see the revival of the ALICE SNOOP who will be going into the lives of lesbian/gay aides.

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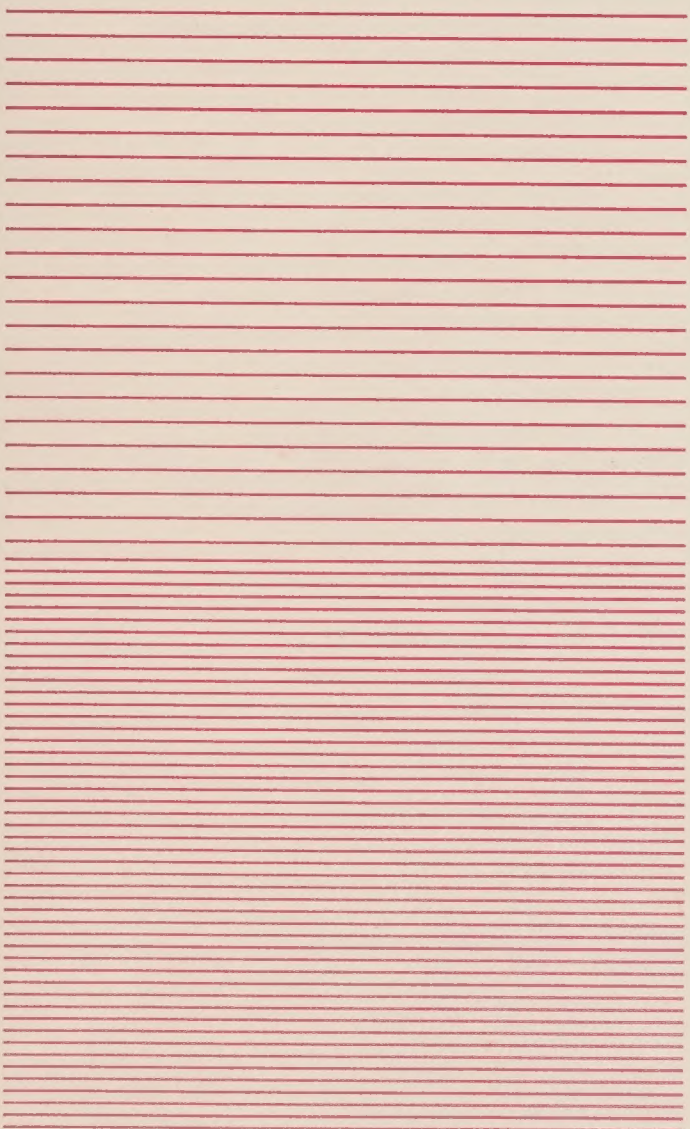
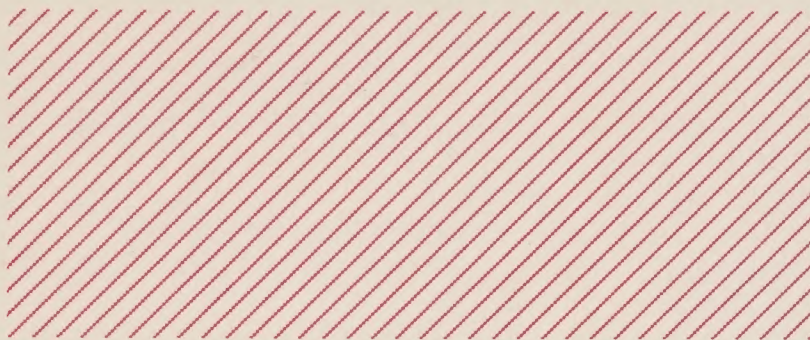
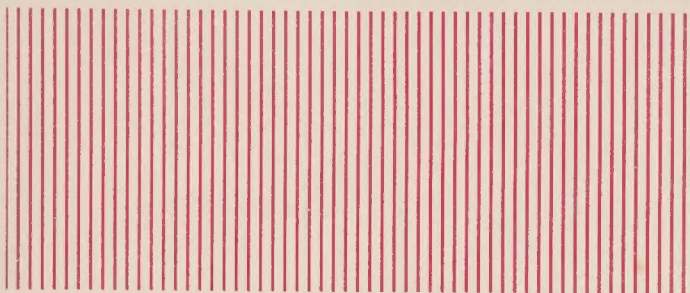
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ALICE is the oldest lesbian/gay Democratic club in the nation. Originally named the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club, the club was founded by Jim Foster and other gay activists involved in George McGovern's campaign in 1972.

In the years since the founding of ALICE, lesbians and gay men have become an important and visible force within San Francisco politics and within the Democratic Party, and ALICE has been a part of that movement.

The ALICE of today has a diverse membership and leadership. ALICE is committed to politics of inclusion and coalition-building. In this way ALICE carries on its legacy of fighting for freedom and justice.

Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club
Thirteenth Annual Dinner

WELCOME

Kay Tsenin and Lawrence Wong, Dinner Co-Chairs

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National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

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Project 10 Los Angeles County Schools

ALICE Volunteer of the Year 1990

Gertrude Stein Award

FRED H. LAU



FRED H. LAU WAS BORN IN 1949 AT SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINESE HOSPITAL.

FRED GRADUATED FROM GARFIELD ELEMENTARY, FRANCISCO JUNIOR HIGH, GALILEO HIGH SCHOOL, CITY COLLEGE, AND STATE COLLEGE. FRED HAS A CALIFORNIA STATE TEACHING CREDENTIAL.

FRED WAS THE FIFTH CHINESE-AMERICAN POLICE OFFICER. HE WAS THE SECOND CHINESE-AMERICAN INSPECTOR-SERGEANT AND THE FIRST CHINESE-AMERICAN LIEUTENANT, THE FIRST CHINESE-AMERICAN CAPTAIN, THE FIRST CHINESE-AMERICAN COMMANDER, AND THE FIRST CHINESE-AMERICAN DEPUTY CHIEF.

FRED HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR BRAVERY, AND OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS. HIS CAREER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SPANS PATROL, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, TEACHING CRIMINAL LAW AT THE POLICE ACADEMY, GANG TASK FORCE, NIGHT SUPERVISING CAPTAIN, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE TACTICAL COMPANY, COMMANDER OF THE PATROL BUREAU, AND NOW THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIELD OPERATIONS.

FRED'S DEPARTMENT AWARDS INCLUDE THE BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR, MERITORIOUS CONDUCT AWARD, THREE POLICE COMMISSION COMMENDATIONS AND NUMEROUS CAPTAIN'S COMPLIMENTARIES.

FRED TRIES TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVING SENIORS AND/OR YOUNG PEOPLE. FRED DOES THIS TO MAINTAIN HIS TIES WITH THE COMMUNITIES AND TO SERVE AS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL.

FRED'S BASIC PHILOSOPHY IS VERY SIMPLE: HIS MOST IMPORTANT INFLUENCES ARE HIS FAMILIES. HIS COMMUNITY FAMILY, HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILY, AND MOST OF ALL HIS ACTUAL FAMILY. HE BECAME A POLICE OFFICER TO HELP HIS FAMILIES...

FRED WILL NEVER FORGET WHERE HE CAME FROM.

JAN MONTGOMERY



THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND (MALDEF) LEADS THE NATION IN ITS ADVOCACY FOR THE VOTING RIGHTS OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES. MALDEF FILED THE NATION'S FIRST SUCCESSFUL LAWSUIT TO CHALLENGE THE UNFAIR RE-APPORTIONMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS THAT PARTITION PARTS OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES FROM ONE ANOTHER IN AN EFFORT TO DENY MINORITY CANDIDATES AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

MALDEF TAKES US A GIANT STEP FORWARD IN ADDRESSING THE BASIC RIGHTS OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN THIS COUNTRY.

VIRGINIA URIBE HEADS PROJECT 10, THE NATION'S FIRST LESBIAN/GAY COUNSELING PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS FOR YOUTH. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DEAL WITH MANY COMPLEX AND CONFUSING CHANGES IN THEIR LIVES. LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH ARE AN INVISIBLE MINORITY IN HIGH SCHOOLS. THEY FACE ANTI-GAY VIOLENCE, OSTRACISM BY THEIR PEERS AND LACK OF SUPPORT IN THEIR HOMES. PROJECT 10 WAS THE MODEL FOR SAN FRANCISCO'S RECENTLY ENACTED IN-SCHOOL LESBIAN/GAY COUNSELING PROGRAM. VIRGINIA URIBE'S VISION AND DEDICATION LED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION'S BEST RESPONSE TO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS FACING OUR LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH.

JAN MONTGOMERY IS FOUNDER OF THE CHRONIC FATIGUE IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME FOUNDATION IN SAN FRANCISCO, AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION, REFERRAL, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY AND FUNDS RESEARCH ON CFIDS, A NEW EPIDEMIC DISEASE OF THE IMMUNE SYSTEM AFFECTING AS MANY AS 5 MILLION AMERICANS.

A PERSON DEBILITATED WITH CFIDS FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, JAN HAS PROVIDED THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES RELATED TO CFIDS, IN EDUCATING THE MEDIA AND MEDICAL COMMUNITIES AS TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DISEASE AND EPIDEMIC, AND IN BRINGING CFIDS AND AIDS ACTIVISTS TOGETHER TO FIGHT COMMON ENEMIES.

BEFORE JAN BECAME ILL, SHE CONSULTED AND VOLUNTEERED WITH MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE BAY AREA INCLUDING SERVING AS PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR POMEROY HOUSE, A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN RECOVERING FROM ALCOHOLISM. PRIOR TO STARTING HER OWN CONSULTING FIRM, JAN WAS A VICE PRESIDENT, MARKETING AT CROCKER BANK IN SAN FRANCISCO.

RON ROWELL IS A CITIZEN OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA OF CHOCTAW AND KASKASKIA INDIAN DESCENT. HIS HOMETOWN IS ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, BUT AS AN AIR FORCE BRAT, HE SPENT PARTS OF HIS CHILDHOOD IN OKINAWA, FLORIDA AND TEXAS.

HE BECAME POLITICALLY INVOLVED IN THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT WHILE A UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE AND FOUNDED A STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON IN 1968. HE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IN 1969. FOR FOUR YEARS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR HE LIVED OVERSEAS IN THE NETHERLANDS, INDIA AND WALES.

DURING HIS LATER UNDERGRADUATE YEARS AT BERKELEY, HE SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER PEER COUNSELOR WITH THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH, BERKELEY'S GAY/LESBIAN SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY. LATER HE SERVED ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE ALSO SERVED AS A COUNSELOR WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S GAY COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR A TIME. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY IN 1978.

HE HAS WORKED IN SAN FRANCISCO SINCE BEGINNING HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER AS A HEALTH PLANNER FOR THE WEST BAY HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY, AS DIRECTOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO REFUGEE HEALTH AGENCY, AND AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE, ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO. HE WAS COORDINATOR OF THE HIV ANTIBODY TESTING PROGRAM FOR THE SF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ONE YEAR PRIOR TO TAKING HIS CURRENT POSITION.

HE IS THE FOUNDER AND CURRENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN AIDS PREVENTION CENTER. HE HAS SERVED AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FRIENDSHIP HOUSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIANS, SAN FRANCISCO'S INDIAN RESIDENTIAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAM, FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL MINORITY AIDS COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON, DC. HE IS 41 YEARS OLD AND LIVES WITH HIS LOVER OF 15 YEARS, TOM VITEK, IN OAKLAND.



RON ROWELL

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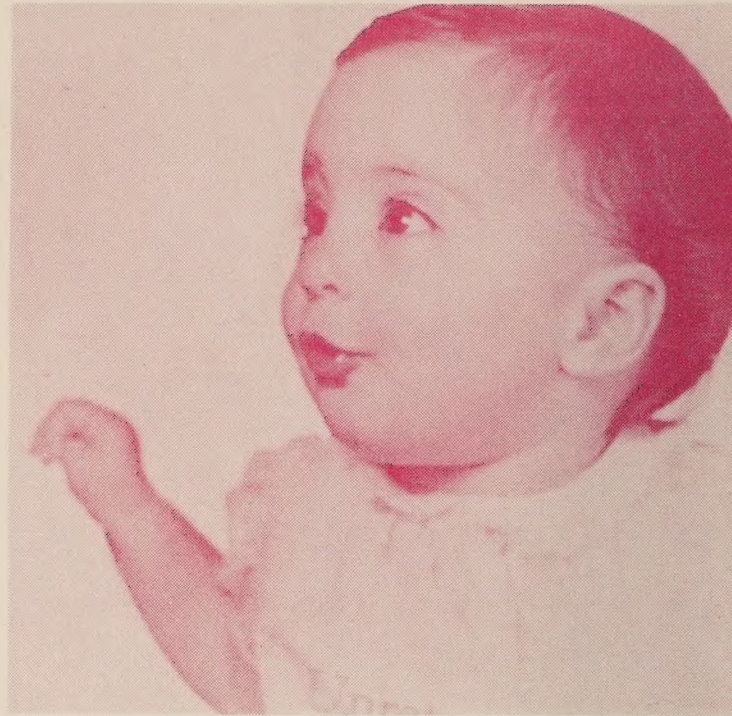
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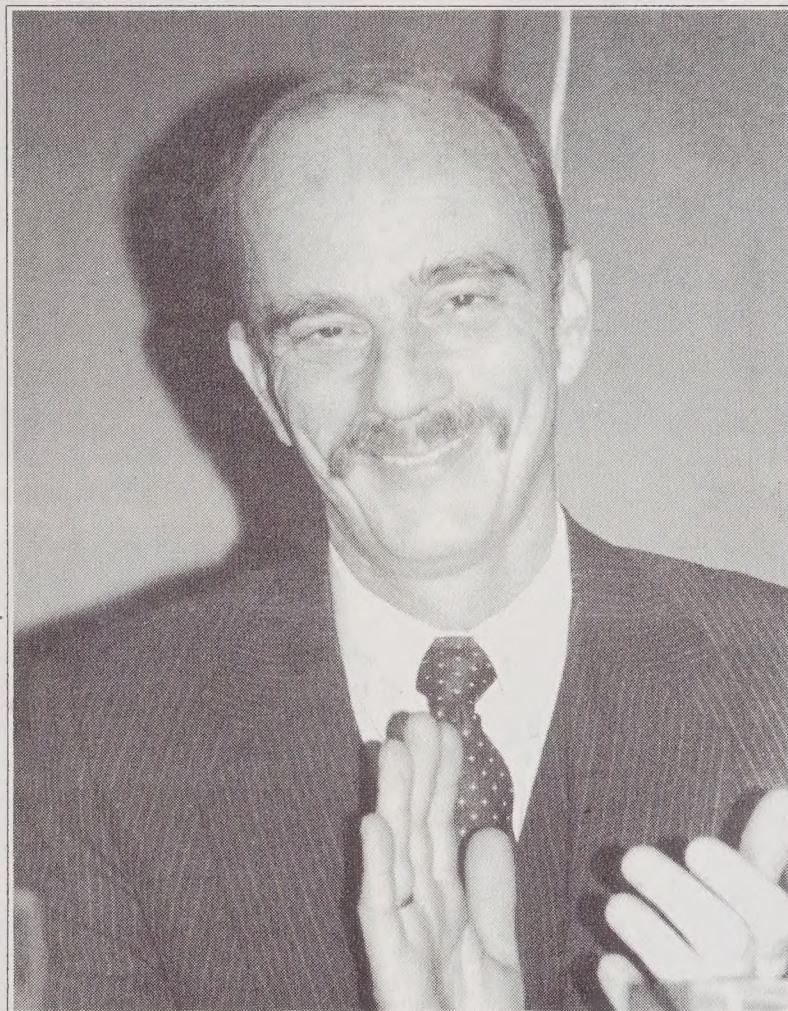
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FOUNDER of SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

"Jim Foster taught us how to become insiders, to gain a seat at the table. He taught us the value of being footsoldiers of the Democratic Party. Had it not been for Jim, Harvey Milk would not have achieved elected office and the next step of our movement would have faltered. Thank you, Jim."
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"On my birthday, June 6, 1972, I sat in bed in a loft in a log cabin on a lake in Manassas, Virginia, and watched this guy in a dreadful red plaid blazer making a speech. What he said rang my bells. So I sold my cabin and drove to San Francisco, where I knew no one and didn't even know him. But I caught up with him, and we never let each other go. I hear that same speech 18 years later and I thought it would cause me to fall apart. But instead it made me feel better. I left that funeral feeling better, more confident, stronger, and happier for the gay movement than I have been in a long time. Very few people have made such a difference in so many people's lives. Jim's feeling about people was that they are just perfect the way they are; he just loved people to be who they are. He didn't think that people are right or wrong, but just part of a big puzzle." Jo Daly

(Jim wrote what he wanted for his memorial service while he was in the hospital. On Friday November 2, at Grace Cathedral his wishes were carried out. The service was an Episcopal high mass, and included a playing of the recording of his speech at the Democratic Convention in 1972.)

"It was a magnificent speech; even though it was almost 20 years ago, he spoke the way we do now, which is both sad and wonderful. He had a vision 20 years ago that was important then, and is still important now. And we're still asking for our freedom. He was there in the beginning (of the gay rights movement), and still there as an inspiration throughout the world."
Pat Norman

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ANNUAL ALICE B. TOKLAS AWARDS DINNER



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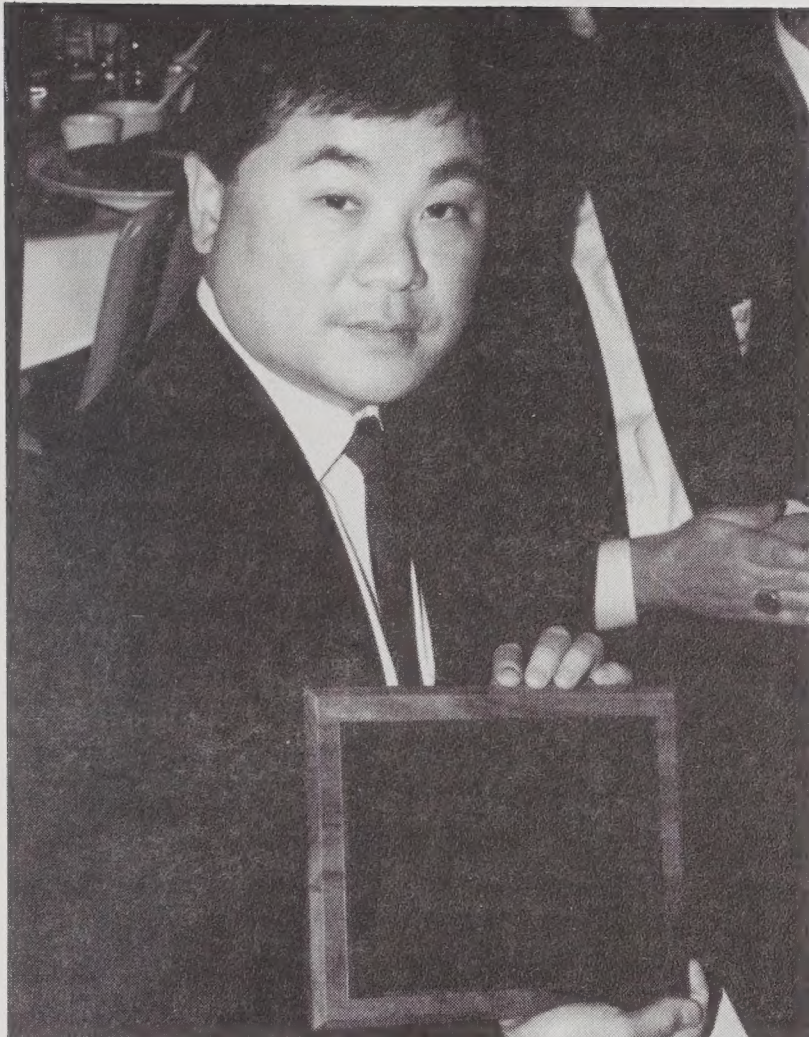


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MORE FROM THE ALICE DINNER

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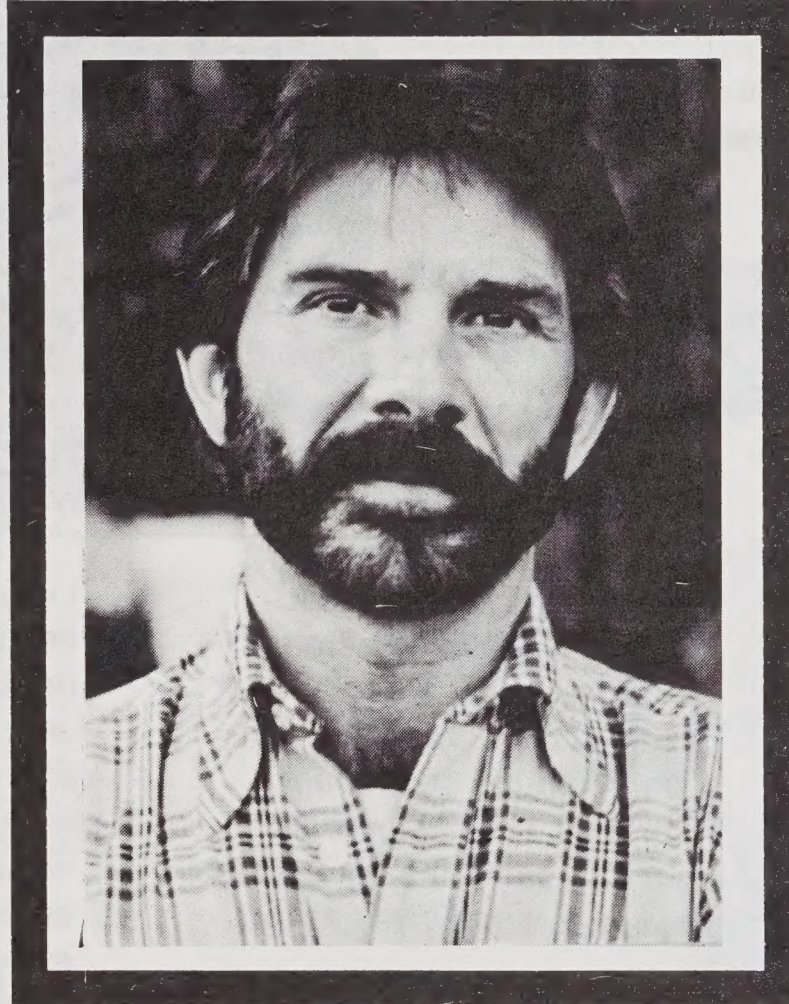
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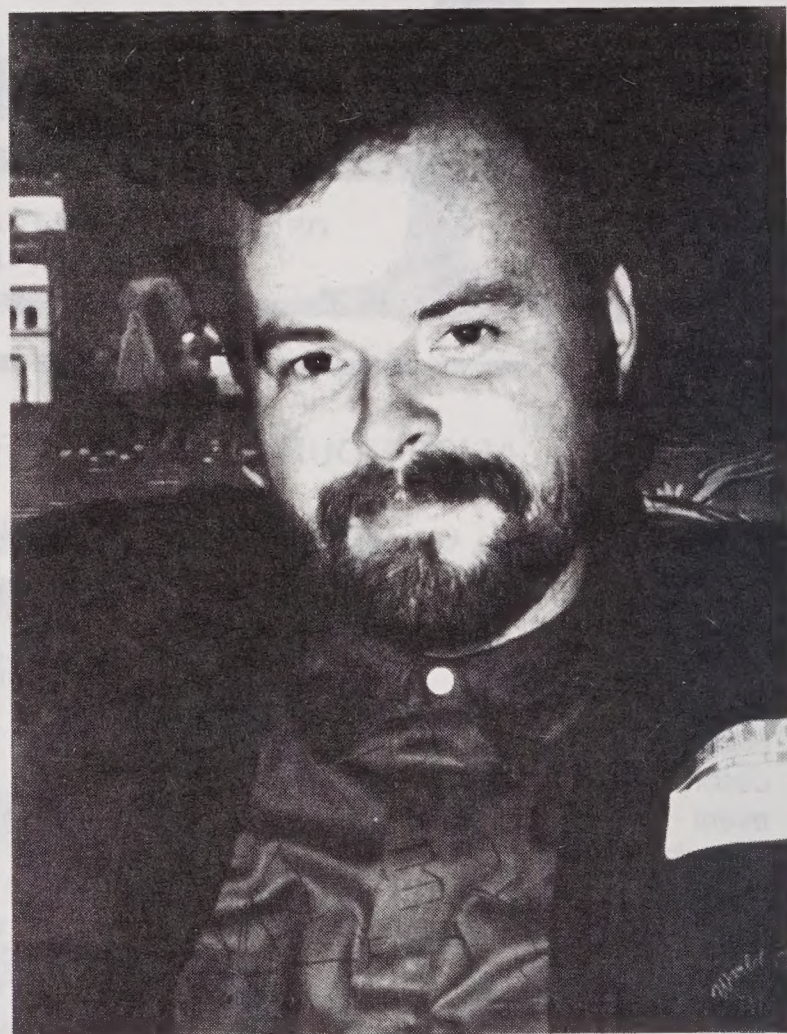
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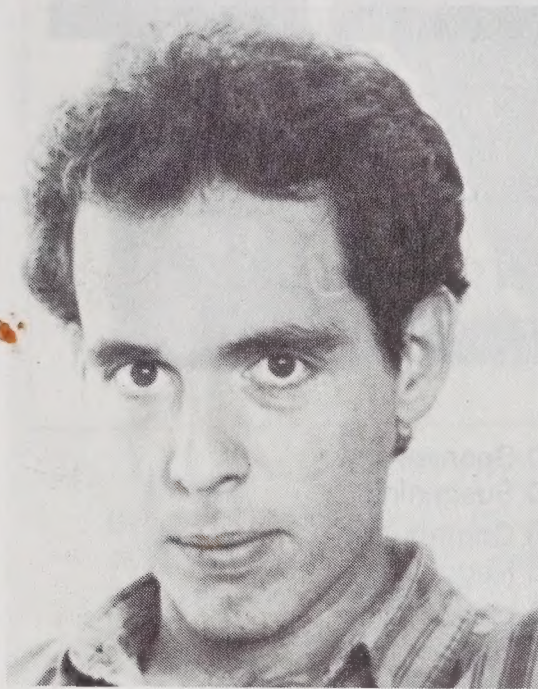
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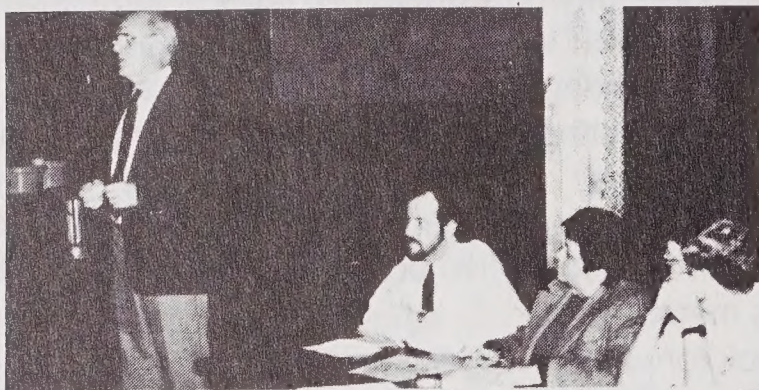
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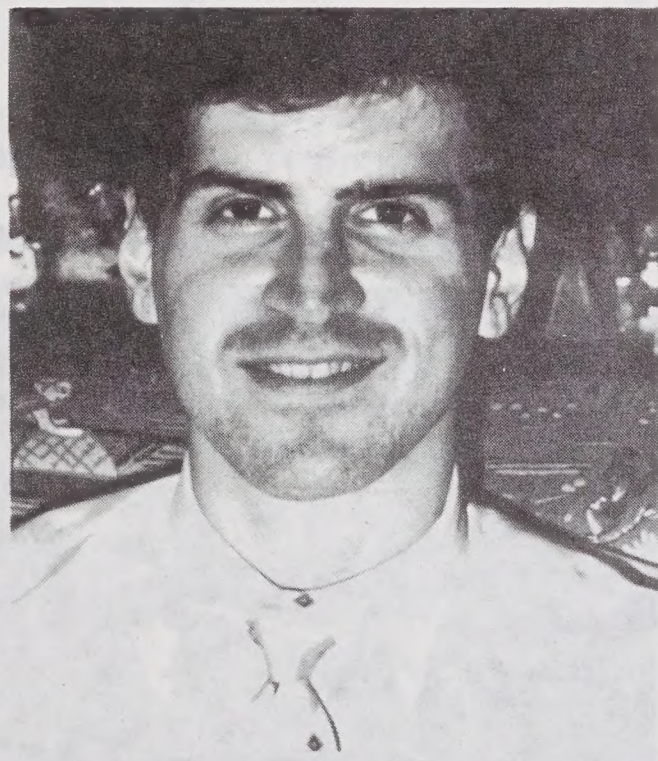
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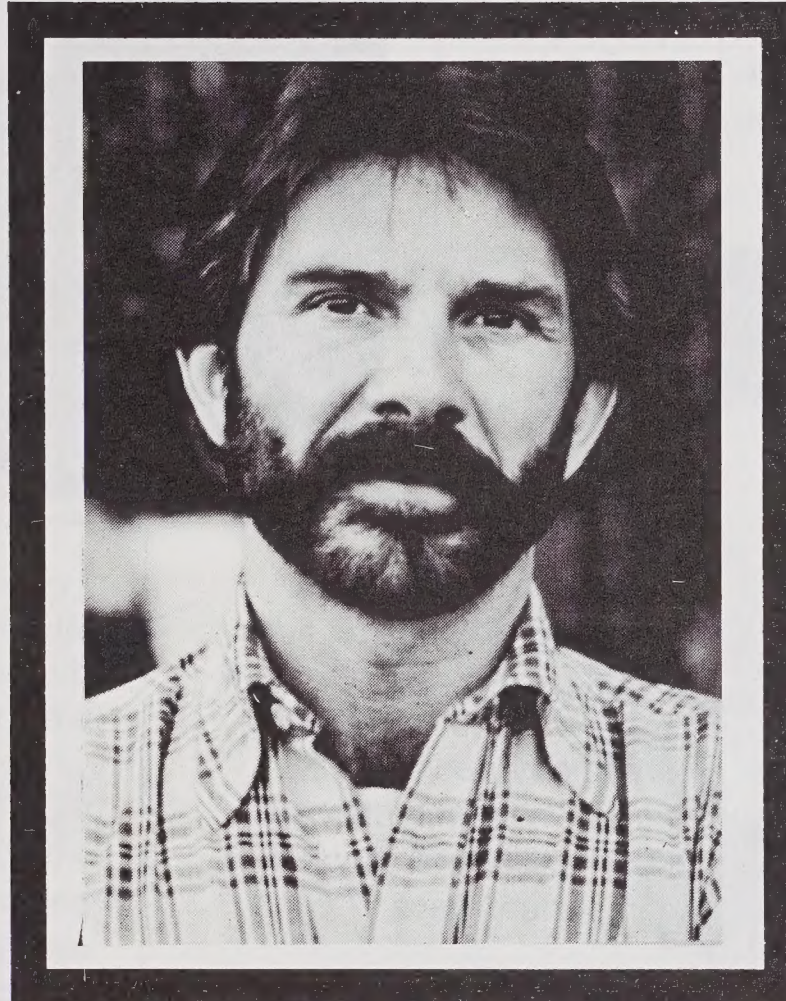
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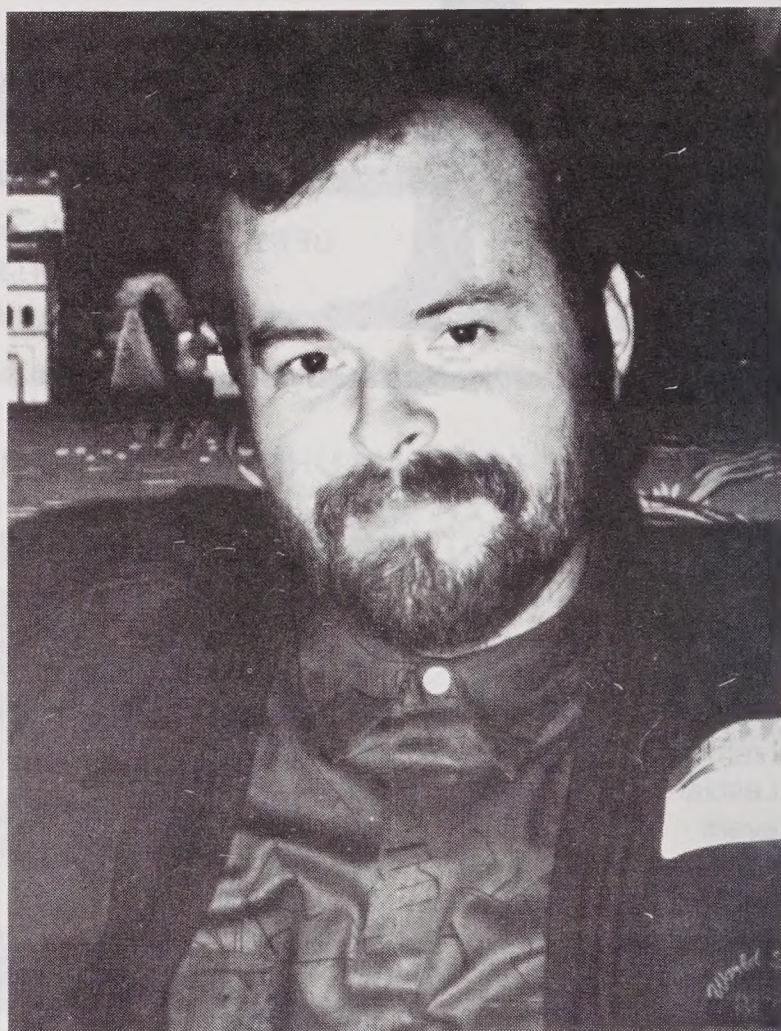
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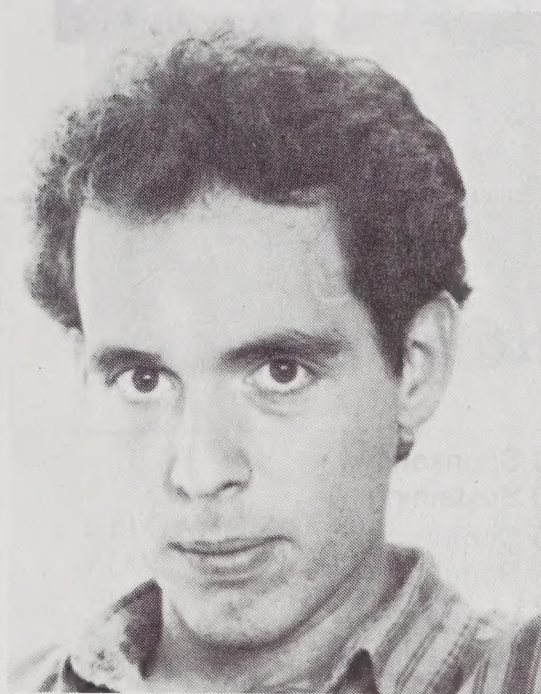
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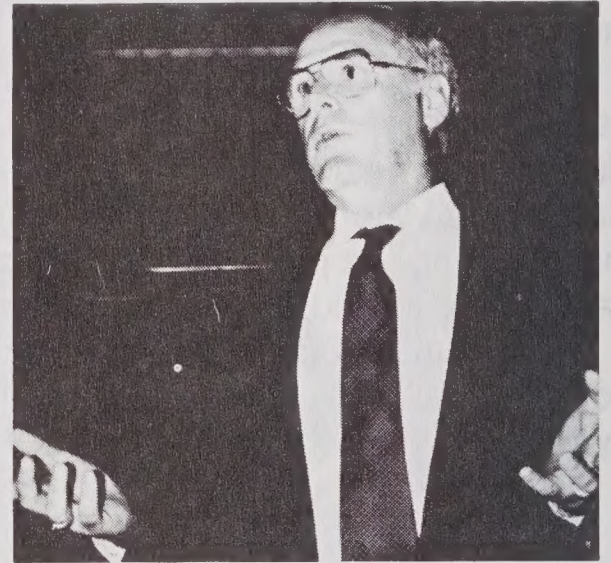
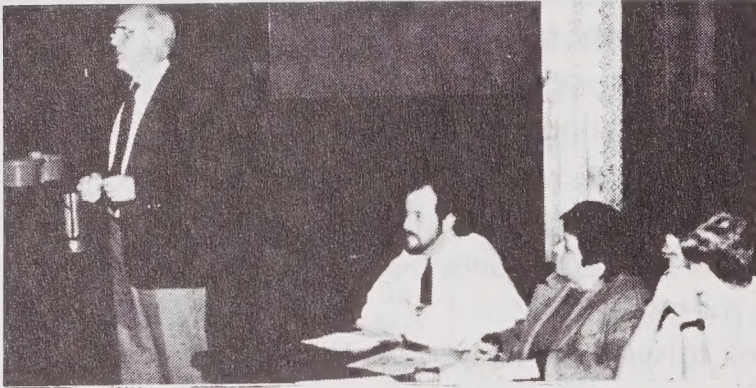
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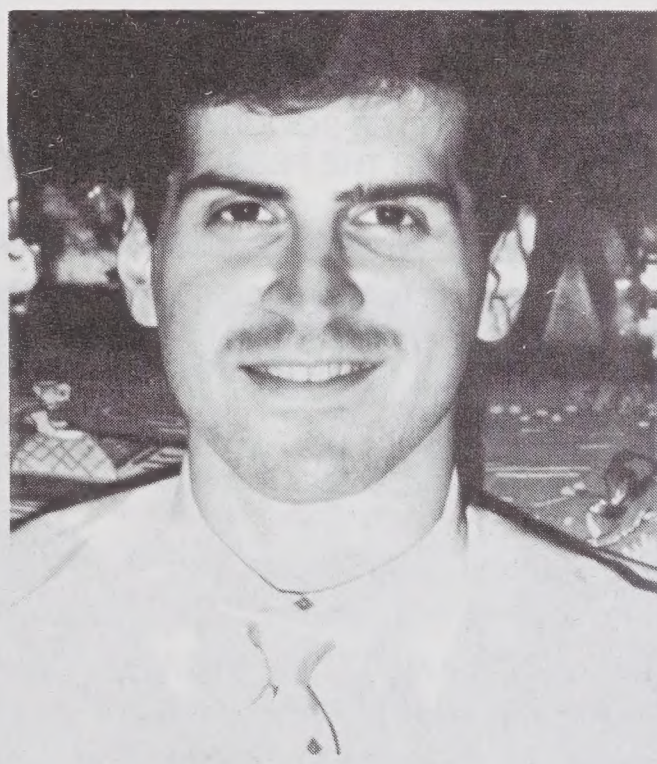
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THE NEWSLETTER SOLICITS ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR - THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE IS January 25- CALL 566-0553 TO RESERVE SPACE



ACLU's Eileen Hernandez congratulates Del Martin (center) and Phyllis Lyon (right), this year's ACLU honorees. RINK PHOTO

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"This aint no party; this aint no disco; this aint no fooling around!" - David Byrne

Only a short time ago I was wondering what could possibly be interesting enough to put on the front page of AliceReports. I was hoping it was not going to be another obituary like Murphy, Lorenzini, Foster, and Cramer - and suddenly I am worrying about having to put a picture of the Earth in a black box on the front page. Several things have made me mad since January 15: Carpet bombing, war as mini-series television, non-answers to legitimate questions, anti-Arab racism and violence, and the daily dose of letters complaining of *inconvenience* because a road was blocked for a few hours, or calling the whole movement *violent* because a couple of windows were broken in an empty store. These local actions are so small compared to the crimes that are being committed in the Gulf that they don't even merit talking about. Worse, they imply that we should take this passively like we are supposed to take all the other squandering of life and beauty by the elite few who think they own the world. Down with convention and convenience and all the other cons trying to prevent us from saying what must be said, for the sake of our lives: It no longer matters who started what, or why we are in this "theatre" - the "play" is wrecking the house. This now, in 1991, is the bang and the whimper. We are vulnerable to both the long-feared ultimate explosion and to the creeping cancer of environmental pollution.



JANUARY 26, 1991

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One atmospheric scientist predicts that 100 days of burning would produce a cloud of smoke covering half the Northern Hemisphere, lasting months or more. Sulfur and nitrous oxides would return to earth as an intense form of acid rain. Soot and nitrogen oxides can destroy the ozone. And this is just some of the results of the current phenomenon of burning oil; spills provide their own damage as we know. The life of the planet depends upon our insistence that the temper tantrum being thrown by both sides be stopped immediately. The Pentagon wants us to believe that they can control the damage of the spill; they want to convince themselves that any of this disaster is within their control. Listen to the language of false bravado as they "brief" us every morning. Does anyone remember the claim that this would be fought without loss of American life? Does anyone remember that Defense Secretary Cheney thought probably there had been no significant response to our first "sortees" because we had knocked out all the Iraqi missile-launching

capability? In how few days did the projected duration expand from weeks to just until Spring to unnumbered months? Are we really supposed to believe that our air and water can survive months of oil spills, oil fires, and oil lies? And we haven't even begun to glimpse the possibilities of chemical and biological "weapons" out of control: We do not even have a firm idea of what exists that we may have to deal with.

This rant has a purpose beyond simply ventilating a scream for *help*: ALICE must be there strongly in the front of the movement of sanity demanding the cessation of this war. If we don't stand up among the first, then no one will follow and we have no basis upon which to call ourselves leaders. I was disappointed in the small play this issue got in the December and January meetings, and at the pitifully small showing of ALICE members at demos on January 19th and 26th. For the last three years that I have been on the Executive Committee there has been an annual chant at
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the retreats, and more frequent refrain at monthly meetings, that we are losing membership, don't offer any exciting reason for people to join. It seems clear to me that one of the reasons is that we have been too much mired down in individual agendas of opportunity, getting one person after another on a commission or slate. It is the proper business of ALICE to work for the empowerment of lesbians and gay men, which often (but not always) means an appointment or election of an individual. It also means taking up the democratic (with a little d) issues, that is those issues where large numbers of people are impacted - the issues of health and housing and war. It is also the business of Democrats to oppose Republicans and their agenda. Given our impressive victories in local elections and the drastic nature of conditions of the populace in general, I think it is time to revitalize the Party by attending to democracy. In the movement against war, the number is the message. This is clear from the repetition of the unsubstantiated allegation that an overwhelming majority of people support this action. I have no doubt that many people are so confused and in such despair that the allegation itself makes their decision - "I don't know but if most everyone is in favor then I guess I am too." Perhaps many folks actually believe that there is some danger to themselves which had to be answered with this war, or that we must be the police force of the world whether we can afford it or not. We must counter the manipulation with two actions:

1) We must educate people to understand that the only thing which can certainly be said for the overwhelming majority is that they will pay and pay and pay for this war and get nothing for it but a seriously diminished quality of life, an immeasurably greater risk of disease if not immediate death, and the immoral inheritance of genocide.

*Information can be obtained from the Global Environmental Alliance for Peace in the Persian Gulf, c/o ARC 942 Market Street, #202, San Francisco, CA 94102.

2) Every one of us who does understand this and who is physically able

must stand among one or another of the groups gathered on the mobilization days so that we can be counted and put the lie to this allegation of majority support.

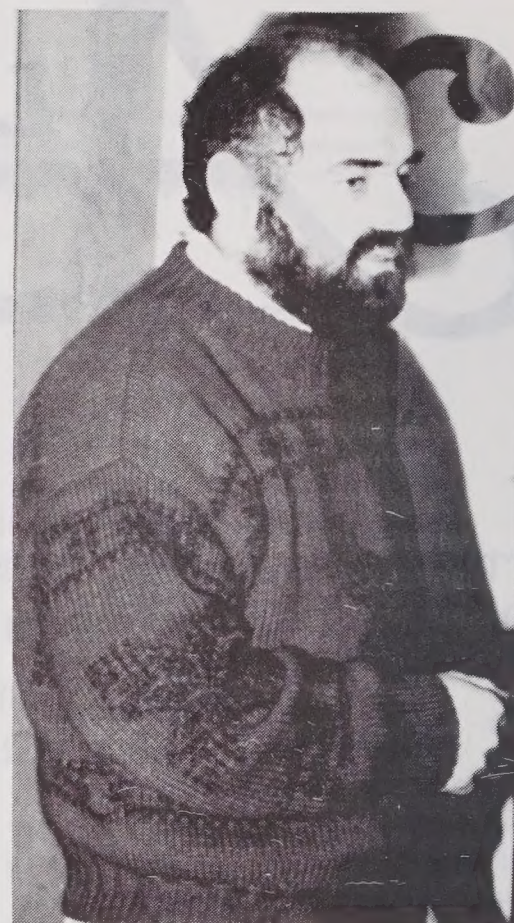
In the vast amount of talk this situation has engendered, a couple of ALICE's leaders have made relevant points:

Paul Fahey pointed out that "we are supposed to believe this war is simply to re-install the Kuwait government, but what happens when the first tiny bit of land is taken by the 'Allies'? Saudi Arabia says, 'We'll take that!'"

And Barbara Cameron, watching the American Music Awards, noted the red, white and blue fervor. "All these people who have found patriotism, but most Americans don't vote, and they all want to cheat on their taxes!"

Wake up! Stand up!

Stop the War! by Linda Boyd



DAN KELLY AT ALICE MEETING
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ALICE SUPPORTS SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION THAT PROTECTS STUDENT PRIVACY.

by Robert Barnes

At our January General Membership meeting, newly elected School Board Member Dan Kelly asked ALICE to support his resolution banning military recruitment on campus and ending the practice of handing over the names, addresses and phone numbers of High School Seniors to military recruiters. ALICE endorsed this resolution, and it was passed unanimously by the Board of Education. ALICE would like to give special thanks to Dr. Kelly, as well as to Commissioners Tom Ammiano, JoAnne Miller and Leland Yee for sponsoring this resolution.

We are told that Dan Kelly, Tom Ammiano, and JoAnne Miller are next taking a hard look at the \$800,000 ROTC budget in the School Board budget. They will once again be taking the lead in removing the military presence from our public schools. As the military consistently discriminates against lesbians and gays, ALICE members should support these leaders and lobby the rest of the School Board on their behalf.

Resolution text:

WHEREAS: The primary goal of the SFUSD is the education of our children; and
WHEREAS: The military branches of the US government are not educational agencies, but use educational services and promises of employment as recruitment tools to lure under-educated and unemployed youth to enlist; and

WHEREAS: Unbridled military spending in the last forty years has, in large part, been responsible for the growing national debt and for inadequate spending on Education and other necessary social services; and

WHEREAS: The SFUSD forbids discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, gender or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS: The burden of military combat falls most heavily on minority and poor youth; and

WHEREAS: The military branches of the US government blatantly advocate and practice discrimination against gay and lesbian enlistees; and

WHEREAS: The SFUSD is committed to helping students develop respect for peoples of other races, cultures, and nationalities, and is committed to helping students

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learn peaceful techniques of conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS: Parents and students furnishing the SFUSD with personal information necessary for the smooth functioning of the school system have a reasonable expectation of privacy and confidentiality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Education rescinds its Policy P1120 of 1961, allowing distribution of names and addresses of graduating students to branches of the military; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:

That the SFUSD will not release names, addresses, phone numbers, transcripts or other personal information about students, individually or in the form of a directory, to any branch of the U.S. military, the Selective Service System, nor to any state military branch (National Guard) without the prior expressed written consent of the student's parent or legal guardian; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the SFUSD bans on-campus recruitment activities by all such military organizations.

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ALICE SCORES 100% VICTORY IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUSES.

by Robert Barnes

In a big victory for coalition politics in San Francisco, ALICE was able to elect six primary candidates to the State Party Convention, and to build an impressive coalition with other progressive organizations and Democratic clubs. In the 16th Assembly District, our winning candidates were Pam David, Ken Jones and Matthew Rothschild. The other gays and lesbians elected were Sue Kennedy, Pat Norman, Richard Sevilla and Lawrence Wong. Rounding out the ALICE-backed winning slate were Claire Zvanski, Mitchell Omerberg, Jose Medina, and Susan Frankel.

In the 17th Assembly District, ALICE's winning candidates were T.J. Anthony, Brett Dean, and Kay Tsenin. Also elected with ALICE support were Lynn Altshuler, Rena Bancroft, Larry Griffin, Bob Hagedorn, Jill Hallinan, Dan Kalb, Kathleen Kelly, Jim Mayo, and Deborah Rorher. In the 19th AD, ALICE-backed Dan Kelly was top vote-getter among the men and Speier appointee Ron Braithwaite was elected vice chair.

These victories represent a tremendous effort that built coalitions with many important groups and elected unified slates, not only empowering more gays and lesbians but creating a process whereby other groups benefited as well.

I would like to personally thank ALICE Issues Chair Kay Tsenin for the use of the Langtry for our pre-caucus breakfast, as well as 16th AD Chair Jean Harris and 17th AD Chair Larry Eppinette for their support and assistance to the Club in organizing these caucuses. I would also like to thank 19th AD Assemblywoman Jackie Speier for her support in the 19th, and my colleague in the 17th Natalie Berg for helping to ensure ALICE's success in that AD. Finally, I would like to thank Board of Supervisors President Doris Ward for kicking off our slate at the breakfast with one of the best Saturday morning speeches I have ever heard!

Join the Great San Francisco Condom Caper

Join the STOP AIDS Project in celebrating National Condom Week by signing up for the Great San Francisco Condom Caper which will be held on Sunday, February 10. It is a chance to test your knowledge of San Francisco trivia, while helping the Project's vital AIDS prevention work.

The caper will send teams of participants around the city in search of condoms in unlikely places - outside City Lights bookstore, for instance, or at the spot at Fort Point where Kim Novak jumped into the water in "Vertigo." A set of carefully worded clues will guide each team on where to go to find the condoms. The first team to find all the condoms wins.

The event will kick off at a South of Market club at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 10, 1991 (which is the first day of National Condom Week). Participants will receive a detailed set of instructions and approximately 15 clues. Then it's a race through the streets of San Francisco, with carloads of participants looking for hidden condoms at some of the City's greatest locales. Imagine finding the condom you need at the base of Sutro Tower! By 5:00 p.m., everyone should be back at the starting point for a celebration and the awarding of prizes to the top finishers.

Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$40 per domestic partnership. To conserve fuel (and increase participants' chances of figuring out all the clues) everyone is encouraged to put together cars of at least three people. Costumes are definitely encouraged.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the STOP AIDS Project, a street-level AIDS prevention organization that conducts one-on-one outreach and small group meetings of gay and bisexual men. For more information, contact the Project at (415) 621-7177.



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CHAIR'S REPORT

by Robert Barnes

I would like to begin my first monthly report to the Club as Chair by thanking all of the individuals who came out to our last monthly membership meeting to give me your vote of confidence.

This being my first column, I want to report on the positive things that are happening within the Club before I get to the pain and anxiety we are facing as war becomes a daily reality.

As you will read on page 4 of this newsletter, our involvement in the Democratic caucuses was a tremendous success for the Club, and was a demonstration of our ability to build coalitions. What was once looking like a rather mundane March State Convention, now looks like a lively contest for party leadership. ALICE will certainly play a major role in any decisions made, since we will be sending the largest bloc of delegates of any club (gay or non-gay) in Northern California. At the convention, the Club has decided to publish a tabloid that will highlight the role of Lesbian and Gay people in the Democratic Party and our electoral organizing successes. Ads will be sold to pay for this tabloid and, with the plethora of Democratic U.S. Senate candidates seeking our endorsement, we don't expect a hard sell.

I am delighted to have a new team of officers joining our executive committee, and the experience of those staying on. (See photo page 4). We are planning our retreat for mid-February, and will share our agenda for the year along with our budget proposals with you by our March meeting. In addition, I will be meeting with the Presidents of Harvey Milk and Stonewall so that we can continue to work together and coordinate efforts whenever possible.

There are about a million other projects involving the Club in the pipeline, but as I talk to people of all walks of life, everyone seems consumed with one subject - WAR. ALICE has already begun networking with the anti-war movement and participating in marches and demonstrations, and we will continue to do

so. Many of us have had an extreme sense of powerlessness and depression about the war as we spend our nights with people all over the world watching CNN and feeling overwhelmed. As a Democratic Club leader, I want to be strong, determined and focused on this issue; but I will bet that lots of other people are finding themselves with a sensitivity and uncertainty when dealing with what is becoming a daily ritual of news reports and analysis of war.

Being 31 years old, this is the first war (and hopefully the last!) that I am really experiencing as an adult. I have always considered myself a pacifist; seeing innocent civilians killed, the environment being destroyed, and diplomacy shunned in favor of savagery has confirmed my pacifistic beliefs. The Lesbian and Gay Community has played a significant role in the peace movement in San Francisco, and it is incumbent upon us to continue.

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Louise Renne explaining Olympic Club ruling PHOTO by RINK

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EXECUTIVE BOARD	FEBRUARY 4	154 BUENA VISTA TERRACE	7:30 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	FEBRUARY 11	225 11TH STREET (DON RAMON'S)	8:00 PM
POLITICAL ACTION/ISSUES	FEBRUARY 18	(CALL BRETT DEAN - 255-2118)	7:00 PM
SPECIAL EVENT:	FEBRUARY 14TH	CITY HALL ROTUNDA	4-5:30 PM
CO-EMCEES -		GREEN ROOM VETERAN'S	
JEAN HARRIS & ROBERT BARNES		AUDITORIUM	5:30-7:30 PM

ON VALENTINE'S DAY THERE WILL BE A MASSIVE DOMESTIC PARTNER'S EVENT AT THE CITY HALL ROTUNDA WITH CHOIRS AND HONORABLE SPEAKERS TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST DAY THAT DOMESTIC PARTNERS CAN REGISTER. AFTERWARD, IN THE GREEN ROOM OF THE VETERAN'S AUDITORIUM WILL BE A GRAND RECEPTION HOSTED BY LAFA, MILK, AND ALICE. A DONATION OF \$10-\$25 WILL BE REQUESTED, BUT NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY.
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(This **personal note** was written by former ALICE member, **Tom Buxton**, a close friend of **Randy Stallings**. Tom now resides in Seattle, but was somewhat disturbed by the impression left by the Examiner obituary that stated Randy was an aide to Dianne Feinstein. So he wanted to set the record straight, and I wanted a personal perspective on Randy, as a former President of ALICE. The editor.)

In 1983, when Randy became President, it marked a big change for the Club. More liberal people than ever before were elected that year, and we all were in contested races. I remember winning membership chair by only three votes with a total of 43. Not long after the new executive board was elected, the attempted recall of Dianne Feinstein brought us to the front of the political brew in San Francisco. Lots of attention was focused on ALICE. The mayor even took us all to lunch every month for several months.

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He then began working for the Work Improvement Project, serving as a liaison between City employees and the City department management. This was during the Feinstein era, but he was not an aide to her office. He always had a passion for his beliefs, and that is something well worth remembering when we talk about or remember Randy Stallings. With failing health, he was not able to stay involved after 1987, and died with his parents by his side in his small apartment out by the beach.

A lot of what was accomplished that year between the City and the Gay Community came out of what we talked about and asked for when Dianne was in the mood to listen. We all know she turned a deaf ear once she had defeated the recall attempt.

The AIDS epidemic broke out in full political force that year as well. We all began to recognize that nothing would ever be the same. Randy stood in the middle of a lot of controversy before that year was over. He was co-founder of the Committee to Preserve our Sexual Liberties in 1984, and was very outspoken about freedoms that most of us had taken for granted. This issue really fired Randy up, and caused him to put himself on the line with people who strongly disagreed.

DOMESTIC PARTNERS:
A personal perspective
by Roberto Esteves

Poised at the top of the City Hall Grand Staircase, a flash of jitters passed through me. My lover, Uwe, and I were declaring our commitment in the most public and political way available to us. What if we should trip and roll down the grand staircase? What kind of statement would that make? Just then, someone read our names over the public address system. Holding hands, my newly recorded Domestic Partner & I kissed and slowly (and stately, thank you very much) descended the stairs into a crowd of hundreds of applauding spectators. We were among the first 250 official "Domestic Partners" in San Francisco. From a personal perspective, it was a significant and thrilling day. From a political perspective, the day was another giant and historic step forward in the march toward full lesbian and gay rights.

SEEKING DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

In typical City Hall fashion, we got lost trying to register in the late morning. Special tables were set up in the back (Van Ness) lobby and in the Registrar of Voters' office. I was disappointed that we couldn't register at the "Marriage Certificate" window with other brides and grooms, but we understood the need for this one day change of venue. After careening through the building getting the proper papers here, filling out a form there, paying a \$35.00 fee up

over there, and returning back here for the certificate ... we felt truly formalized and partnered in solid bureaucratic fashion.

RELIGION

Despite our genetically engineered Christian interests and subsequent dabblings in New Age philosophies and Jewish ethics, Uwe and I ducked the early afternoon interdenominational religious ceremony.

Instead, we celebrated a sybaritic lunch in an outdoor restaurant aerie. We returned to City Hall for the Civil (political) ceremony.

POLITICS

The father of all domestic partners, Harry Britt, gave one of his finest speeches in this, his finest hour. I'm proud of Harry and his single-mindedness in getting domestic partners enacted. It's been a long and difficult battle for him, and I personally feel the community can place Harry on a pedestal equal to that of Harvey Milk's with his legislation. His background as a Texas minister was particularly relevant as he spoke of his long-time fantasy of expanding the definition of the "American Family" and witnessing the wedding of two men. He eloquently and cleverly presided over the reality of a rotunda full of men with men and women with women celebrating their love and commitment. The Presidents of Alice B. Toklas and of Harvey Milk co-hosted the ceremonies. Jean Harris was especially appropriate not only as President of Harvey, but also as Harry's administrative aide, as one of the newly registered

Domestic Partners, and as the strategist and coordinator of the winning Prop K Domestic Partnership campaign. The community is richer for her efforts.

Thanks, Jean.

FUTURE

So what does Domestic Partnership mean for the future? For Uwe and me, it offers hope: Uwe is a German citizen and cannot stay in the U.S. Unless, of course, he falls in love and marries an American citizen... I mean, a female American citizen. As gay people, our relationship doesn't count to the INS, or the rest of the federal government, or even the state of California. Domestic Partnership was an important statement of commitment for us as two gay men struggling to continue a relationship unsanctioned, ignored, and vilified by most of America. We support Harry's pending sanctuary legislation that includes gay immigrants. We hope for the creation of California law permitting the codification of gay marriages. Uwe and I demand the world's recognition of our continuing responsibility for and commitment to each other.



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**ALICE ENDORSES:
REBIRTH OF AB-1
LEGISLATION
by Ken Jones**

Today, most California residents enjoy their right to work in a job for which they are qualified.

Today, most California residents enjoy their right to live in housing that they are able to afford.

Today, most California residents enjoy their right to live in peace and privacy as law-abiding citizens.

Principal Author Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-West Hollywood) and a growing number of State Democrats are actively supporting AB101 which prohibits discrimination in employment and housing on the basis of sexual orientation. AB101 allows the State's Department of Fair Employment and Housing to investigate and act on complaints of discrimination.

Discrimination does exist in both employment and housing for gay men and lesbians. All Californians are at risk from such discrimination; as the mere perception that someone is gay or lesbian, whether true or not, has led to cases of employment and housing discrimination. Assemblyman Terry Friedman, addressing the LIFE AIDS Lobby earlier this month, declared that "AB101 is about equality, fairness and tolerance and has nothing to do with special interests." AB101 also has nothing to do with quotas, goals, timetables or affirmative action programs.

A majority of Californians support such a law. Statewide and national polls have repeatedly demonstrated that most people believe discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is wrong. A 1989 Teichner poll found that 81% of heterosexual respondents (nationwide) believe it is discrimination to deny a person a job based on sexual orientation.

According to Terry Friedman, "The time is right! There is a new Governor, and the LIFE Lobby is stronger than ever." Both Gubernatorial candidates have indicated their interest in supporting this type of legislation. Each one of us can make the difference by writing just one letter to a district legislator, voicing a strong desire for equal employment and housing for all Californians.

ALICE B. TOKLAS takes this opportunity to salute the visionary and courageous leaders who believe that we can be a greater state, and a stronger state, when every citizen is afforded the right to participate fully in the central arena of California life, hopes and dreams.

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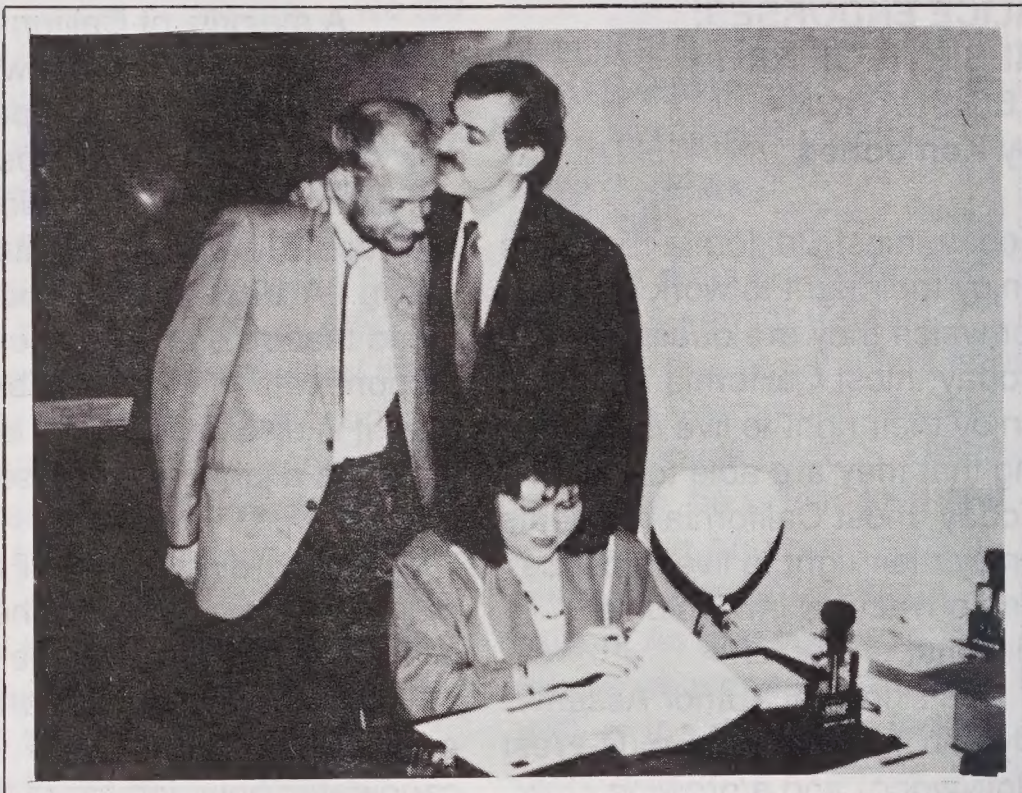
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ROBERTO ESTEVES KISSES UWE DAMERON WHILE COUNTY CLERK CHECKS THEIR PAPERWORK (SEE PAGE 2)

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HARRY BRITT WITH DOMESTIC PARTNERS TOM AMMIANO AND TIM CURBO. PHOTO BY RINK

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At the last General Membership Meeting, held at Don Ramon's, Chair Robert Barnes made the following appointments: Linda Boyd, Newsletter editor, Ken Jones, At-Large member, and David Spero (pictured far left) to a newly-created Tenants' Caucus.

These appointments must be confirmed at the next General Membership meeting, which will also be held at Don Ramon's Restaurant, in the back room with hot snacks available. See above for address and time.

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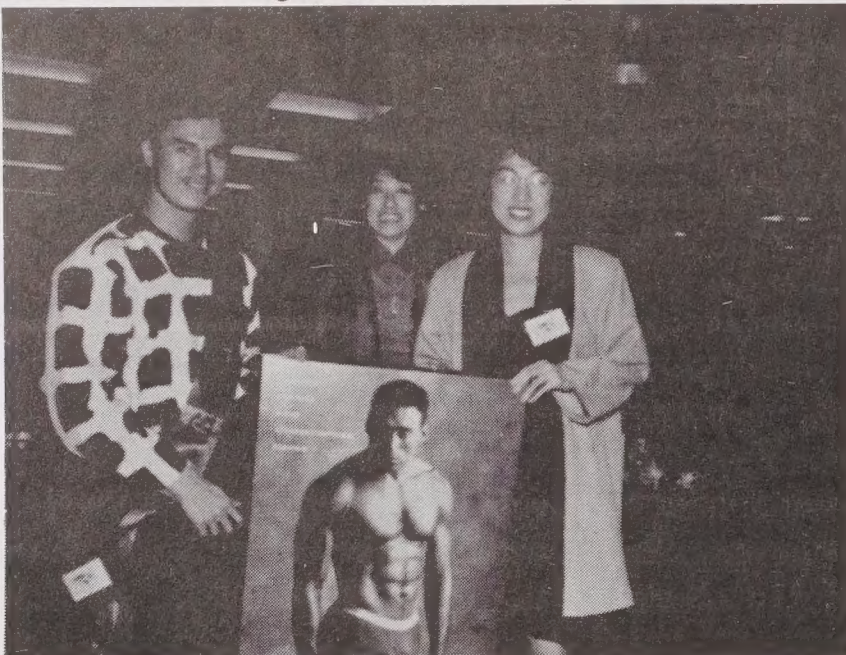
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Mr. GAPA, Sonny Garde, presents a prize - a poster of Roger Craig - to the Honorable Judge Julie Tang who held the winning raffle ticket. Judge Lillian Sing looks on. This festivity was the annual GAPA dinner.

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Alice Reports

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RICHARD HONGISTO WAS THE BIG WINNER IN THE MAYORAL ENDORSEMENT VOTE OF THE **ALICE B. TOKLAS LESBIAN & GAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB'S MAY 13TH GENERAL MEETING.**

Three of the candidates - Hongisto, Agnos, and Frank Jordan - pitched their case before the membership.

By a lopsided 135-39, Hongisto dramatically outdistanced his nearest competitor, incumbent Mayor Agnos. The vote surprised even Hongisto's backers who called the victory "a near consensus for ALICE."



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Hongisto has a three decade history of lesbian and gay activism, of fighting racism and sexism, and working for progressive change.

Pat Norman, Ron Braithwaite, Roma Guy, Robert Barnes, Adrian Bermudez, Eileen Hansen and Mary Dunlap are among Hongisto endorsers who were leaders in Agnos' 1987 campaign for mayor.

A History of Activism

Hongisto's history of social activism includes his co-founding of Officers for Justice in the mid-1960's to challenge racism in the Police Department; his leadership on the Board of Supervisors against the homeporting of the U.S.S. Missouri; his authorship of San Francisco's official abortion rights policy; his leadership in the successful fight to save family planning funds statewide and to significantly increase funding for AIDS services, including HIV Early Intervention Centers and minority HIV programs.

Hongisto wrote the catastrophic sick leave law, which gives persons with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses as much as two years of income and health benefits. He put San Francisco on record for needle exchange programs and permitting the distribution of condoms in jails.

Hongisto also wrote the resolution endorsing same-sex marriages - the first by a governmental body in the U.S. Hongisto successfully challenged homophobia by General Motors, forcing the corporation to adopt a national policy of non-discrimination against lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

Hongisto helped thwart Western Union's unsuccessful attempts to gut the City's lesbian/gay rights ordinance.

As San Francisco's reform sheriff, Hongisto was the first law enforcement official in the world to recruit lesbians and gays as deputies. He also was the first elected official ever to march in a Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day parade. During the early 1970's, Hongisto went to Florida at his own expense to campaign against Anita Bryant, and to save the Dade County Human Rights Law.

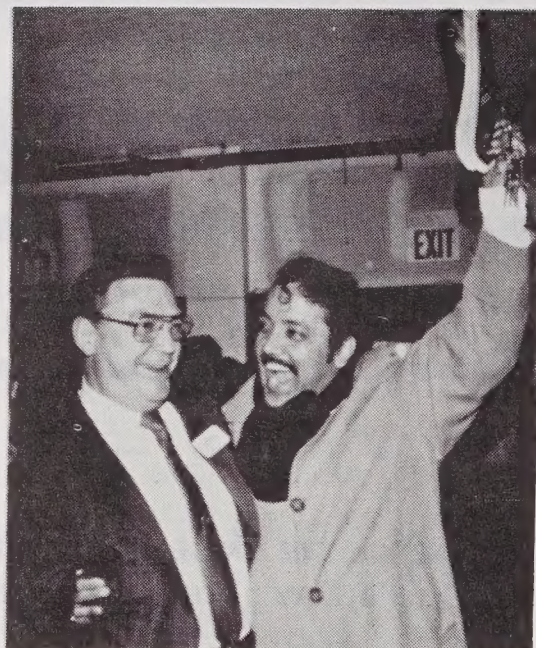
Hongisto As Mayor

As acting mayor, Hongisto organized the City's official welcome of Simon Nkoli, a black gay man from South Africa who was imprisoned for his anti-apartheid work. Hongisto also hosted the first lunch for people with AIDS in the mayor's office.

Hongisto wrote the gender parity charter amendment in response to the Agnos administration's dismal record appointing women to the City's major commissions. Most notable is the top ten power commissions have just 18 percent representation by women.

Hongisto is a strong supporter of vacancy control, and one of San Francisco's leading environmental activists. He wrote the prevailing wage legislation to benefit hospital workers, most of whom are women of color in low-wage jobs. Agnos vetoed the legislation. Hongisto was honored by SEIU for his work in support of comparable worth/pay equity.

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Hongisto wrote much of the Mission Bay plan to increase affordable housing by an additional 1,000 units, to require developer funding of a public health center for ten years, and mandating millions of dollars for toxic cleanup.

Many in the lesbian/gay community have been disappointed by the Agnos administration. The mayor now takes credit for the increases in the City's AIDS budget, but most know that Agnos initially opposed the spending increases. Although Agnos signed the Domestic Partner's legislation, it is well known that his staff made every effort to defeat the measure or water down its scope. Hongisto has fought for domestic partners for many years and is one of the four sponsors of Proposition K.

Hongisto Support Building

Enthusiasm for Hongisto is building. Over 1,000 supporters filled the Gift Center Pavilion for Hongisto's campaign kick-off. What impressed the participants and reporters was the diversity of the crowd. Hongisto has also been endorsed by Stonewall Gay Democratic Club and the Lesbian/Gay Voters Project. ALICE members are encouraged to volunteer, and contrib-

Mayor Art Agnos dismissed Mr. Bermudez from the Human Rights Commission following the latter's endorsement of Dick Hongisto, the Mayors's opponent.

Adrian Bermudez Statement:

The mayor obviously thought well of my dedication to public service by appointing me to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) in 1988 and, this year, reappointing me to a four year term.

I have been honored to serve the people of San Francisco; to serve my beloved Latino community; to represent the concerns of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community as co-chair of the HRC's Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Advisory Committee. My conscience and my sense of justice did not allow me to surrender my principles, my integrity, or my convictions. I could not pretend that the mayor's stewardship of the City has been a good one.

The mayor was quite unhappy with my support of Richard Hongisto. As a member of ALICE's executive committee, I had a duty to speak and vote for the mayoral candidate who is truly in the best interest of the lesbian, gay, bisexual community — of communities of color — of women. I felt that duty especially deeply by my leadership role as a member of the Human Rights Commission and in Latino American organizations.

The mayor sent his letter firing me the day following the endorsement of 75% of ALICE members voting for Richard Hongisto.

I am sad that the spoken words from my heart have been met with severe retaliation. But I am proud that in the face of extraordinary pressure, I remain true to my community and to my conscience.

I send the mayor, my fellow Human Rights Commissioners, and the staff of the HRC my warmest wishes for success in carrying out the mandates of the Human Rights Commission and in making San Francisco a just and honorable place in which to live.

To my friends who have supported me in the expression of my conscience, you have my greatest respect, thanks, and affection.

Let's continue to work to build a San Francisco where free ideas and political choices are possible and encouraged; where different views and expressions are valued and respected; where faithfulness to one's conscience is more prized than the political ambitions of a single individual.

ute to the Hongisto for Mayor Campaign. To do so, call 337-5995, or write: Hongisto for Mayor, #7 Joost Ave., SF 94131.

CHAIR'S REPORT

by Robert Barnes

I want to start my report this month by thanking the membership which gave 75% support to the PAC recommendation to endorse Richard Hongisto for Mayor. As I predicted, our support of Dick has been a tremendous asset to the Club. Our membership is up, there has been a significant amount of media attention about ALICE, and my phone is literally ringing off the hook with new people who want to be involved.

Now the fun really begins, as we actively marshall our resources on behalf of our candidate for mayor. We are already set to have booths and tables at various street fairs and major community events where we can continue our on-going voter registration work, and now distribute information about Hongisto's candidacy. All Club members are asked to participate in our activities over the summer, and rest assured you will get a call.

Last month a letter was written in our newsletter by ALICE members who are former officers. Part of what it said makes a lot of sense and the rest I just dismiss as mayoral politics. What I want to address is the need to be inclusive of women and people of color in leadership positions in our club. Regrettably we haven't exactly had people busting down our doors to get involved, but with the kind of response I've been receiving from all over our community since our endorsement of Hongisto, I have a good

feeling about new activists wanting to serve on our Board.

I encourage those seeking to expand representation in ALICE to play a more active role in our club, attend our meetings, and make suggestions as well as criticisms. We currently have openings on our executive committee as well as caucus chairs that can be filled. I am always available to help club members organize and will always return calls.

ALICE has also seen the beginning of a new round of vindictiveness by the Agnos administration with the firing of Adrian Bermudez the day after our endorsement meeting. While the mayor certainly has the legal right to take this action it is inconsistent with his campaign promise relating to commission appointments in 1987. What really disturbs me the most about the firing is the intense effort by the Agnos people to now launch a campaign of character assassination against Adrian to somehow justify this blatantly political decision.

Those of us who have worked with Adrian know him to be not only a very hard worker but a genuinely open and caring person. As an immigrant from a war torn Central American country, Adrian has expressed to me at times his frustration at not being taken seriously or being able to get his point across clearly. One would hope that the Human Rights Commission would understand cultural diversity and be sensitive to people from other places, and that commissioners would stand

up for those principles and not simply bow to mayoral pressure. The HRC does belong to the citizens of San Francisco not just the Mayor, doesn't it?

Our Tenants Caucus Chair David Spero informs me that while we're finally about to see a vacancy control ordinance pass the Board of Supervisors limiting rent increases to 10 to 14%, there are tenants activists who feel these numbers are too high. ALICE is on record favoring 4 to 7 % increases, and we have let the Supervisors and the Mayor know our position. I'm hearing rumblings about a possible petition drive for a more progressive ordinance and encourage all club members to come to our June 10 meeting to hear what's the next step.

I also want to encourage ALICE members to attend Anne Daley's retirement party at the home of Dick and Liz Hongisto, 1848 Pine Street on Saturday, June 8th from 4 to 6 P.M. ALICE voted to commit \$100 to the event and it will be free to all club members, so I expect a big turn-out.

Finally, I would like to thank Dennis Edelman, Charles Gohmann and Brett Dean for the wonderful job they did in handling our endorsement process as well as Kay Tsenin, Ron Braithwaite and Fred Fuerst for all of their help that night. We've got momentum working in our favor and look forward to the next seven months of ALICE once again being on the cutting edge of San Francisco's future.

ALICE SNOOP

JAMES HACKETT was born and raised in Portland, Maine, where "everyone is white and European." Interested in politics since age 6, at 10 James had helped on the campaign of another Jimmy and was invited to attend the inauguration of President Carter. This event still stands out in a lifetime of devotion to the study and understanding of, and exhaustive participation in, politics. James, who has made himself an expert on the history and personality of every U.S. presidency, attended the American University in Washington, DC; worked on the successful campaign of Gerald Bailes, Democratic Governor of Virginia, 1985; and on the unsuccessful bid of the Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro slate for 1984. "What I realized with the defeat of Mondale was that other people don't think the way I do. I really lost hope in the intelligence of the American public. The difference between Mondale and Reagan was so clear, with the former's dedication to the issues of the majority, while Reagan represented the one percent. Of course, I was only 18, and everything is so clear when you are 18." James came to San Francisco right after the next Democratic defeat, the election of '88. "I had always heard about San Francisco as this magical place, and when I came here I fell in love with the physical beauty of it. I wouldn't have believed one could live in such a beautiful place! I knew I was gay, but I didn't connect with the gay

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community right away. I was still seeing other gay people as the stereotypes I had learned in Maine; I wasn't like them. (Then I met Dennis Edelman- a kind, intelligent man who has been with his lover for 25 years and has a nice home and a *normal* life: This is what I aspire to.)" James illustrates the attitudes he learned about gay people by talking about his mother's recent revelation that she agrees with the Boy Scouts policy of not allowing gay men to be Eagle Scouts. "I was an Eagle Scout at age 13, and my mother was so proud of that. For years the Scouts were after me, wanting me to be a leader. Being gay was never talked about in the Scouts - of course there were gay men in Scouts - until about five years ago, and now after chasing me all those years they are, in effect, telling me that I am not suitable. When my mother said she agrees with that policy, I reminded her, 'But, Mom, I'm gay' and she just said, 'Oh, that's different!' meaning, of course, that I am not like the others." Because of these attitudes, James was quite distraught when he had decided to come out to his mother, fearing her rejection, "I was hysterical, crying on the phone, and she said 'Jimmy, it's OK; I was born fat. I don't want to be fat but that is just the way I am' and I said, 'But, Mom, it's not illegal in 23 states to be fat!' " Now, three years after arriving in San Francisco, James is delighted with more than just the physical beauty of the City. "People are more relaxed here; they are very paranoid on the East



Coast, very uptight about who they are. At MCC, people are so kind and friendly; at ALICE people have taken the time to educate me about the past history of the Club and the community. I have enjoyed working with different Democratic clubs, especially the Latino Democratic Club and the Hunters Point Democratic Club - it was an entirely new experience for me to work with Hispanics. I think this is key: You have to know people in order to help them make the necessary changes. The problem with most politicians is that they are not in touch."

FAVORITES

FOOD: Mexican Food - I never really had it before I came here, only thought I did. My mother says, "Mexican food? I don't even like Fritos!"

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This list does not include those who have contributed in May, as the editor did not get time to update it. Two names previously on this list were removed at the request of the individuals.

TWO MONTHS AGO, ALICE MOURNED THE LOSS OF ONE OF ITS MOST BELOVED PAST PRESIDENTS - RANDY STALLINGS. WE SENT THE MARCH '91 ISSUE OF ALICE REPORTS TO MRS. STALLINGS (RANDY'S MOTHER) IN NEW ORLEANS. SHE HAS GRACIOUSLY THANKED US WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

"I appreciate the copies of the . . . article about Randy. We are so very proud of him and everything he did. . . from his journal and other sources we keep finding things he did to help others. We know that we have suffered a great loss. . . because all of us loved him so much. Thank you for your kindness in sending the papers. I wish Alice good luck in the time to come."

Sincerely,
Delia Stallings



ALICE MEMBERS ENJOY THE CIRCUS ATMOSPHERE AT THE 1991 MILK CLUB EVENT CELEBRATING HARVEY'S BIRTHDAY

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FAVORITES

FUN: Love old movies, especially at the Castro Theatre - it's so beautiful - Preston Sturgis wacky comedies, and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe* and Dancing at Grateful Dead concerts - yes, I'm a closet DEADHEAD (My first Parade - 1990 - when I saw Jerry's Fairies I knew this community really has everything).

BOOKS: Political; I collect presidential history.

MUSIC: Besides the Grateful Dead? Ella Fitzgerald and Nancy Griffith.

JAMES' POLITICAL DREAM: To get into some sort of power position where I would have to test my ideals, and not sell out. I want to help people who have no idea how to help themselves. I get tired of politicians who have forgotten why they are there in the first place. I know this is a cliché, but San Francisco has made me proud to be gay - everywhere else it is this negative thing - and I would really like to repay that in some way.

FOUR WORDS TO DESCRIBE:

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Searching for the last one, James turns to his roommate and best friend since High School, Sue, who provides "**HONEST, CREATIVE, WITTY, WRY, HUMOROUS.**"

And James, who has laughed and made me laugh throughout this interview, says "Be sure to say it was my roommate who said that, not me!"

FROM THE EDITOR

On page 2, next to the wrap up of the cover story, is a statement from Adrian Bermudez about his service on the Human Rights Commission and his support of Dick Hongisto. Bermudez, and Chair Robert Barnes in his report, have expressed sadness and outrage that Mayor Art Agnos dismissed Bermudez from his appointment the day after his celebration of Dick Hongisto's victory at the ALICE general meeting. With all due respect, I have to say that I would be surprised at anyone with the political savvy of Robert Barnes or Adrian Bermudez believing for one minute that anything else would happen - with any politician anywhere. I have heard many of the "disappointed" ALICE leadership cite a lack of loyalty to them on the part of the Mayor as sufficient reason for their seeking another candidate to support. Loyalty is one of two primary criteria for selection of every commission appointee and staff member I have ever heard discussed (the other being, of course, ability to do the job - a complex factor which includes the community one represents as a component). Even for those who play the role of the *loyal* opposition, the opposition is secondary, referring to disagreeing on issues because of, not at the sacrifice of, loyalty first. As a leader in the Latino community, and Agnos appointee, Bermudez duty was to fight for his community with the Mayor, not to switch his support to another which can only result in losing the ear of the Mayor and thus being unable to plead his community's case in relevant issues. At any rate, that is my opinion of what a commissioner should do; regardless of my opinion - or anyone else's - "Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the Mayor" as my friend Jo Daly always told me, and she certainly ought to know.

Racism? Because Bermudez identifies with the Latino community, I heard people accusing the Mayor of racism in this dismissal. I defer to a few friends of color when it comes to understanding racism - Cameron, Jones, Norman, Vazquez - and a couple of them might disagree with me, but I don't think it was primarily racism which motivated Agnos' action. As stated above, I think it was the issue of loyalty. I am not saying that Agnos is not racist: I believe that all of us who enjoy the privilege of identification with the dominant culture must struggle with that always. But being conscious of, and working against, racism does not mean embracing every person of color for any position; I believe in this case it is racist to assume that there are not many others who can represent the Hispanic community without alienation from the Mayor. I think it is pretty simple: Adrian Bermudez made the first statement, in effect saying on May 13, "I am not with this Mayor anymore" . . . and he isn't. And that is that.

ALICE SNOOP

DAVID SPERO was raised in Baltimore, a city he describes as both charming and down-home, yet, the 'worst of the east and the worst of the south' - "All the John Waters' films' cliches are true." David credits the love and decency of his parents for his lifelong interest in economic and social justice. He arrived in San Francisco in late 1979 to visit a friend, ran out of money and stayed. "Half of the people who come here were probably kicked out of town because they were/are assholes. The other half are really creative people who were probably repressed where they were." Identifying himself as half anarchist, half social democrat ("When you deal with politicians a long time, you either want to be an anarchist or drop out"), David seems to feel some discouragement in his effort to resist what he calls the Southern California Real Estate mentality in the political arena: "A lack of political consciousness, posturing, hucksterism, the power of money." In spite of this he has done his political work on behalf of environmental issues, tenants rights, controlling development, sound planning policies, and against the abuse of power. David supports himself as a coordinator of petition drives. He serves on the Board of Directors of San Francisco Tomorrow, and currently focuses on tenant rights with the ALICE caucus and other efforts to develop tenant power at the ballot box and better accountability from the Board of Supervisors on tenants issues. For example, in David's view, among Supervisors, Harry Britt is at the moment the only solid tenants' advocate, so clearly this must be broadened. David specific goal for the ALICE Tenants' Caucus is to sponsor a city-wide initiative to deal with tenants' rights. Asked his political dream, David at first demurs, as if uncertain how to frame it, but soon is articulating a number of exciting concepts including

- the abolition of private ownership of land
- decentralizing government
- small autonomous neighborhood communities
- reduction by 50% of the number of cars in San Francisco
- no one pays more than 25% of their income for housing
- encouragement of more public spaces, more public life so our urban life is communal rather than isolationship
- more people involved in public debate, taken outside of themselves to believe in the concept of "public good"
- preventing the clean and sober crowd from ruining San Francisco as a party town

FAVORITES:

FOOD: Seafood and chocolate

FUN: Attending garage band rock and roll shows

MOVIES: Small, independent , outside of the mainstream ventures, and bloody violent 'B' movies

BOOKS: History, social commentary
City of Quartz " about Los Angeles, the nightmare that threatens to become the model for the whole country."

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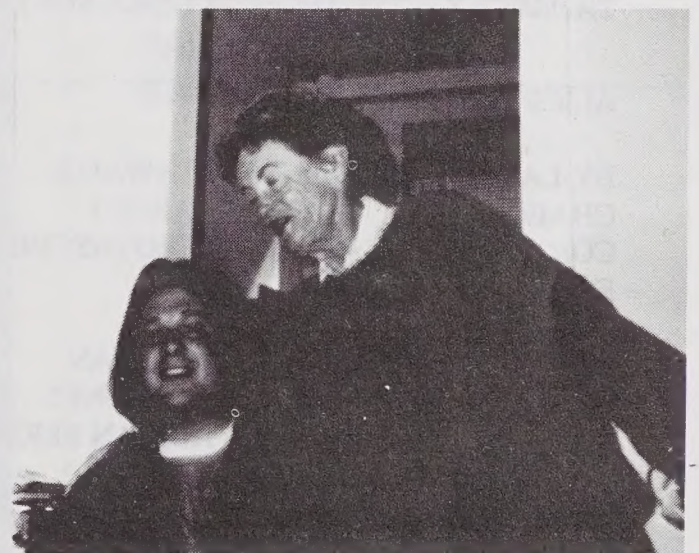
DAVID SPERO:

Baseball fan

Compassionate

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Pig (the animal) - lover



Here David gets a hug from petitioner Pat Doak

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1991 ALICE B. TOKLAS LESBIAN & GAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB AWARDS DINNER

RIGHT: ALICE BOARD MEMBER KEN JONES PRESENTS AWARD TO ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST NEW MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY BARBARA LEE, FOR CO-SPONSORING AB101 AND CHALLENGING ANTI-LESBIAN/GAY FUNDAMENTALISTS.

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LEFT: HARVEY MILK CLUB PRESIDENT, JEAN HARRIS RECEIVES HER AWARD FROM FORMER ALICE PRESIDENT, RON BRAITHWAITE.

(PHOTO BY RINK)

(For more photos of the Dinner, see page 4; for other views, see page 6.)

CHAIR'S REPORT

by Robert Barnes

I wanted to write an upbeat and pro-active report to the membership about all of the positive things that have occurred over the past months, but alas even in "Paradise" there are thunderclouds in the sky.

As part of the No on K Steering Committee, ALICE has been able to play a major role in the campaign, both financially through our dinner proceeds (we have donated \$500.00 with more to come) and by networking with other groups to get endorsements. I urge all ALICE members to volunteer your time or contribute whatever you can by calling Stephanie or Kurt at 252-4638.

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